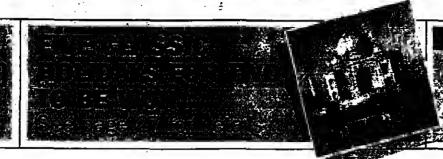


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Shuttle diplomacy pays dividends as Clinton announces 60-day ceasefire

Bosnia deal gives hope of lasting peace

Zagreh JOHN CARLIN

The best hope yet for an end to more than three years of war in Bosnia came yesterday with the announcement by President Bill Clintoo of a nationwide 60-day ceasefire and plans for a peace conference agreed by the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.

Mr Clinton warned that the accord was fragile, that mistrust still lingcred and that the road to a lasting peace remained loog. "The parties in Bosnia have agreed to a ceasefire to terminate all hostile military activities throughout the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina to become effective on 10 October if certain cooditions are met," Mr Clintoo said. "At the same time the governments of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia have agreed to proximity peace talks in the United States beginning about 25 October aimed at bringing them closer to a peace agreement." In the light of previous failures. Mr Clintum warned it was vital to what the parties do - not what

they say," he said. Although the most difficult issucs - the division of land and political power, the details of a post-war constitution - must still be tackled, yesterday's agree-ment may mark the beginning of the end. "This is not peace, but this is undeniably a big step forward," Richard Holbrooke, the US envoy who clinched a deal after weeks of endless shuttle diplomacy, told re-porters in Zagreb. "We're very pleased with where we are but danoted by the road ahead."

fect at midnight oo Tuesday, provided that gas and electricity supplies to Sarajevo have been restored by the rebel Serbs, who shut off all utilities to the city late last spring. If all goes well, the parties should gather in Washingtoo oo 25 October for a peace conference, where they will meet in the same huilding but oot around the same table. If sufficient progress is made, there will be a further peace conference in Paris, on a date yet to be specified.

Under the eight-point plan, the parties must end all offen-

Inside Will the timetable work? And, if it does will the

result ensure a political. settlement of will it simply install an armed geace.
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sive actions, including sniping and the laying of mines; open enclave of Gorazde for civilizing and UN traffic; treat prisoners and civilians humanely and arrange PoW exchanges.

Mr Holbrooke reeled off a list of the many obstacles still to be addressed - assuming the ceasefire takes hold -including the map, consitutitiooal arrangments, the status of Sarajevo, electoral procedures: "You name it." Even creating the conditions for the ceasefire will require tremendous efforts by UN peacekeepers and aid workers, who must venture into froot-line areas to inspect and

Bosnian Serb forces yesterday advanced to 1.5km (less than one mile) from government-held Kljuc in oorthwest Bosnia and seized control of a major road linking it with Bihac.

Once the guns are quiet, the UN will have the task of monitoring the ceasefire, by pa-trolling front lines and reporting breaches. Nato, Mr Holbrooke was eager to emphasise, will not join the fray until "the peace agreement is in place". However, Nato defence min-

isters were urgently shaping plans yesterday for the peacekeeping force the Alliance will despatch to the Balkans to police the final settlement, Hailing a "major step forward," the US Uoder-Secretary of Defense, Walter Slocombe, warned that it was critical that the ceasefire holds if a final deal is to be reached. He declined to predict when that might be, but the ministers meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, have pencilled in late November as a likely date. Mr Holbrooke said Alliance

ets, which struck at three Bosnian Serb radar stations on focked on to Nato planes, would still patrol the stres to enforce earlier agreements, such as the "safe area" status of Sarajevo and Gorazde. Mr Holbrooke, who flew yesterday from Belgrade to Sarajevo to Zagreb, said the ceasefire talks had gone on late into Wednesday night over an open telephone line between the Serbian and Bosnian capitals. He paid an emotional tribute to three colleagues killed this summer en route for Sarajevo, reinforcing the impression of a wholly American effort.



Peace at last: Boys in Dobrinja celebrating the news of the ceasefire for Bosnia

Photograph: David Brauchi/AP

Seamus Heaney wins Nobel **Prize**

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Reporter

The world learnt of the longawaited award of the Nobel Prize for Literature to Seamus

Heaney yesterday—with the ex-ception of the Irish poet bim-self, who was walking in Greece. His publishers, Faber and Faber, said through a harassed spokeswoman: "It's a case of him happening to call us, hecause we don't know where he is. I suppose he might ooly fiod out about the prize from

the newspapers."

Heaney, 56, was chosen as winner of the award, worth about £635,000, by the Swedish Academy, which praised his "works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past".

It is an hocour that has been predicted for the past six years as the Catholic poet - who retired last year as Oxford Professor of Poetry – has inexorably grown in stature.

He will receive the cheque at ceremony in Stockholm oo 10 December, aloog with the laureates for the other prizes -Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Peace.

The soo of a cattle-dealer, Heaney is regarded as the most important Irish poet since WB Yeats, who was also awarded literature's most prestigious prize in 1923. He is Ireland's fifth winoer this century, following Joyce, Shaw and Beckett.

President, said Heaney had brought "great honour to Ire-laod". Matthew Evans, the chairman of Faber, said: "We are absolutely delighted and very moved by this recognition."

The 1992 Nobel winner, Derek Walcott, said: "As the guardian of Irish poerry, Seamus Heaney has, like his predecessor Yeats, received his just recognition." But Heaoey's hrother Hugh remained as down-to-earth as the poet is ex-pected to be. "This award won't change him," he said.

Irish patriot, page 3

Blair seals the pact with BT chief

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Tony Blair and Sir Iain Vallance last night sealed Labour's information superhighway pact with British Telecom after Lord Tebbit, the former Tory chairman, forsook his party loyalties and went out of his way to praise the Labour Party leader.

Mr Blair and Sir Iain met privately in the leader's Brightoo hotel suite to discuss the plan on a day of high political dra-ma on which the intervention of Lord Tebbit, a non-executive director of BT overshadowed a ferocious ministerial attack on Mr Blair led by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade. As ministers continued to excoriate Mr Blair for allowing his announcement on Tuesday to be presented as a "deal" which no oppositioo party had the pow-er to make, Lord Tebbit said that Mr Blair had "recognised the commercial needs of British Telecom" by agreeing the access

in return for free connection of committee. These would allow schools colleges, hospitals and libraries to the information su-

perhighway. Sir Iain last night issued only the tersest of statements after his meeting with Mr Blair say-ing that while there was no deal

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there was an "understanding" with the Labour Party. Mr Lang said the two men had confirmed their "agreement" and that if Labour took power it would adopt the "unanimous recommendations" of the Commons Trade and Industry Select

BT progressively to enter the ca-hle entertainment market in competition with cable companies in the period up to a total lifting of market restrictions in the year 2002. He said the company would respond by "some acceleration" of its broadband

investmeot programme-estimated at around £15bn - and by "offering in principle free connection to schools hospitals colleges and libraries." Sir Iain, who has been criticised by minsters who want him to reject the Labour proposal, left without answering reporters questions.

A furious Mr Lang wrote to

Mr Blair yesterday saying that Sir Iain had assured him personally that oo "deal" had been done and warned that any move to allow BT to connect with existing cable companies would require a change in BT's licence conditions which would be a matter for the Director General of Communications. Adding that the Director General

would be obliged to hold pub-lic consultations, Mr Lang demanded: "What consideration

have you given to this? Mr Lang said in his letter that many other telecommunications companies had entered the market in good faith "against the background of public undertakings, investing billions of pounds so that already almost a third of the households have had access to this service."

Their "exclusioo" implicit in the "alleged deal" with BT would create a monopoly and he asked: "How can this be reconciled with the public interest? After all the work is already being done to bring the benefits you seek, to our schools our hospitals and our universities."

But despite his open commercial interest in the offer to BT Lord Tebbit went a long way yesterday to undermine the public relations impact of Mr Lang's onslaught. In Brighton to fulfil his duties as a Sky TV presenter and appear on BBC Question Time, Lord Tebbit said that what Mr Blair had said was "just a matter of fact." He said: "Usually he gets it right about five to eight years after

this occasion he seems to be slightly ahead." The Brighton conference is the first in living memory in which the leadership has suffered no defeats by the even suggested that the Daily Mail might swing be-hind Labour, the party passed another milestone when the conference ditched the last

vestiges of its unlateralist

the Conservative Party does. On

nuclear defence policy. He declared: "What Tony Blair has done is to accept the recommendations of the House of Commons Select Committee and say that the Government should, and if he were to he in government he would, allow BT to compete with the American-

"I think it's time we were al-

lowed to compete with them," Lord Tebbit told BBC Radio 4's World At One. "What I'm say ing is that on this occasion Mr Blair is proposing to do some-thing which I think is correct and in the interests of the coun-

try as a whole, not just of BT. Lord Tehbit added: "It's to the credit of Topy Blair that he's recognised that it would be an advantage overall in the country to get that oetwork down. I just wish it had been lan Lang who was saying it or Michael Heseltine when he was doing the jub a few years agn.

Mr Blair also rejected the word "deal" but reaffirmed that the text of his speech had how they are oow behaving as if they were in opposition rather than in government this is it."



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Health report row

Ministers were accused of suppressing research that would undermine action against a key European directive on working hours after copies of a government-financed study saying that working more than 48 hours a week doubles the risk of heart disease were destroyed Page 2

War crimes trial The first man to be charged

with war crimes under British law appeared before Epsom magistrates. Szymon Serafinowicz, 84, who faces four charges of murder under the Crimes Act, remanded on conditional bail . Page g until oext mooth.

Benefit curbs backed The Government's policy of cracking down on jobless and homeless "benefit tourists" from other EU countries received strong backing in a High

Court test case.

Howard defiant The Home Secretary, Michael

Howard, was resisting pressure to retreat on the Asylum and Immigration Bill after being warned by business leaders and a Cabinet minister that the measure, which he hoped to announce at the Tory conference, was potentially racist. Page 2

Gang's 3 crimes a day The leader of a teenage gang responsible for 445 offences since April has been placed in custody after Nottinghamshire police and social workers spent a year Page 9 trying to stop them. Page 5





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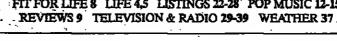
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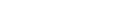
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'Health risk' row over 48-hour week

Labour Editor

Ministers were yesterday accused of suppressing research which would undermine government court action against a key European directive on

working hnurs. The Department of Health yesterday admitted destroying copies of a guvernment-financed study because nf a single sentence which reported that working more than 48 hours a week duubles the risk \mathbf{n} f beart disease.

Howard

resists

attack on

'racist'

Bill

Chief Political Correspondent

The Hnme Secretary was last

night resisting pressure in re-

treat on the Asylum and Im-

migration Bill after being

warned by husiness leaders and

a Cabinet minister that it was

tn overcome the criticism by Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Em-

ployment, that the plan to fine

employers of illegal immigrants

could lead to racial discrimina-

the British Chamber of Com-

merce last night intensified the

pressure to shelve the Bill. Warning Labour would oppose

the legislation, the Govern-

ment was accused by Jack

Straw, shadow Home Secretary,

Mr Howard had to postpone

the publication of the Bill un-

til the end of the month to re-

solve differences disclosed in a

Its fate will be decided by a

meeting of the Cahinet EDH

Committee, on economic, do-

mestic and home affairs issues.

chaired by Tony Newton, Leader of the House, after next

week's Tory party conference.

Mr Howard has already wa-

tered down the proposals in the

face of criticism from business,

by dropping plans to require

on immigrants. However, he is

proposing legal sanctions

against employers, which Mrs Shephard said would lead to

recruit ethnic minority staff.

directur-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said

it could "give rise in allegations of racism", if employers were re-

quired to check on people they

suspected of being illegal im-

migrants. He said the problem

of illegal immigrants had nev-

er been raised by the chambers.

"We really dnn't see it as heing

Whitehall sources said the ob-

jections raised by Mrs Shephard

were "not insurmountable" and

a crucial matter."

leaked Whitehall memoran-

dum by Mrs Shephard.

of "playing the race card".

The strength of an attack by

Michael Howard was seeking

COLIN BROWN

potentially racist.

In December the European Court is due to hear a case brought by the Government that a Brussels directive aimed at limiting working time is not a health and safety issue and therefore Britain should not be forced tn apply it. Even if the Government los-

es the case, it has negotiated a six-year delay on the 1996 implementation date for the order. The study, by Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technningy, which was due to be published on 4

September, refers to inquiries in Sweden and American which have supported the link between long hours and ill health.

The offending sentence says: "Research has shown that working more than 48 hours per week, doubles the risk of coronary heart disease."

A spokesman for the Department of Health conceded e reason for pulping the study. but pointed out there were other reports which showed that a link had not been proven. "We didn't like the bold and bald assertion in the report," said the

Harrington, of Birmingham Institute of Occupational Health, stated in a paper published in the British Medical Journal on 18 June that there was "no unequivocal evidence" supporting

the link. The Department of Health spokesman said there had been an "oversight" in the production and presentation of the booklet which might give the im-pression that its findings represented the views of the Government.

It was simply one contribu-

on mental health in the work-

Professor Cooper, however, said it was clear that "long hours do not mean good health'

The MSF manufacturing union, to which the documen was leaked, argues that the document, Mental Health and Stress in the Workplace, was suppressed because its poblication would undermine the Government's case at the European Court Roger Lyons, general secretary of MSF, yes-

spokesman. Professor Malcolm tion to the department's work terday called on Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, to issue the document. abandon the court case and implement the directive.

Mr Lyons claimed that 10,000 employees working more than 48 hours a week die each year from heart disease. The Government yesterday introduced new regulations

not he forced to consult recognised unions over redundancies. Instead companies can elect to inform other non-union employees' representatives.

A European Court of Justice ruling given against the UK in 1994 criticised British law for restricting consultations to unions.

The Government also introduced rules which limit the obligation to consult employees only where there are 20 redundancies or more. The present regulations stipulate that there should be consultations over two or more job losses. which mean that employers will

The Department of Trade and Industry estimated yesterday that it would remove the requirement to consult from some % per cent of busines

'Human

mad cow

disease'

deaths

double

Twice as many people died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob Dis-

case (CID) - thought to be the

human equivalent of mad cow

disease - in Britain last year.

compared to 1985, according to

a government report published

yesterday.

A 19-year-old died from the incurable degenerative brain

disorder this year, a case which

the report notes is "exception-

al, but not without precedent".

Last week, a medical journal re-

ported the death of a third dairy

farmer from the disease.
The 1994 toll of 55 deaths

represents the highest figure yet recorded in Britain since fears

were first raised that mad cow

disease - bovine spongiform en-

cephalopathy (BSE) - might be transmissible to people either by contact with infected animals or

by eating their meat. But Dr Rob Will, the coun-

try's leading expert on the in-cidence of CID and one of the

anthors of the report, said yes-

terday that the rise might be

more apparent than real. Cas-

es which might have been over-

looked in the past, may be

showing up simply because

greater efforts are being made

to track them down and obtain

Dr Will stressed that the re-

ported incidence of the disease

was increasing in other countries, ones which had little or no

cattle. "The incidence in the UK

is comparable to France, the

Netherlands and to a lesser ex-

tent Italy," he said. He added that he was con-

tinuing to eat beef and sausages.

a report in The Lancer last

week highlighting a third case

of CJD among dairy farmers.

The Lancet said it was a mat-

ter for concern and I agree with

The report also notes that "it

that," he said.

But Dr Will was surprised at

a correct diagnosis.

TOM WILKIE

Science Editor

IN BRIEF

Burglary sparks massive explosion

Burglars caused a massive explosium yesterday destroying a irework company's premises in n former Second World War gun emplacement designed to with-

stand explosions. The incident happened just before 2am at Sky High Pyrotechnics on a former airfield in Teynham, near Faversham, Kent. "Persons went there in a stolen van and tried to attack the steel door with welding equipment," Inspector Mervyn Williams said, "We don't know if anyone was caught in [the explosion] ... we're sifting through what looks like a bomh site."

Helicopter deaths

A flying instructor and his stu-dent died when their Royal Navy helicopter hit a power cahle and plunged into the River Wye at St Arvans, Gwent, dur-ing a training flight. The Gazelle from 705 Squadron, was flying from RAF Shawbury, near Charte to the Republicant April Air Chester, to the Royal Naval Air Station, Culdrose, Cornwall.

Kegworth damages

A woman who was seriously injured and lost her three sisters in the Kegworth air disaster as they travelled to their father's death-bed has won £273,951 High Court damages, Margaret Kelly, nf nnrth London, developed post-traumatic stress disorder after the British Midland Airways Boeing 737-400 crashed into the embankment nf the M1 in Leicestershire in 1989, killing 47 people.

A campaign to fight men's ig-

Rosemary West trial

The prosecution case against Rosemary West will open at Winchester Crown Court today. Mrs West, 41, of Gloucester. widow of Frederick West, is accused of killing 10 females whose remains were found at two houses in the city last year. The jury was sworn in on Tuesday before being sent away while legal submissions were heard by the trial judge.

Drug charges ...

Fish killed by sea

Wantsum with sea water.

would be premature" to see the death of the 19-year-old as caused by BSE. "CJD has been described previously in two adolescents in the USA which is free of BSE and in one adolescent in France which was free of BSE at the time of the patient's clinical illness." Statistically, venison-eaters

proved more likely to develop the disease last year, but the recases is so small that the statistics are unreliable. The link detected between regular veal eating and CJD in 1993 was not repeated in 1994.

The figures are contained in the fourth annual report of the Edinburgh-based CJD Surveil-lance Unit, set up to study any changes in the pattern of the disease since the emergence of BSE.

There are no known cases of recovery from CJD.

Men's health focus

norance about their health has been launched by the Health Education Council. It says men should examine their testicles for abnormalities - 1,500 new cases of testicular cancer are registered in Britain each year and the highest-risk age group is 30 to 40, but 95 per cent of tumours are curable if caught early.

Yogendra Patel, 52, of central London, was remanded in custody until 12 October when he appeared before magistrates charged with offering to supply 2 million Temazepam capsules with a street value of £5m.

thousands of fresh-water fish by breaking open sluice gates at St Nicholas at Wade in Thanet, Kent, and flooding the River

Mind your manners

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Death in focus: Rudolf Scafer's portrait of a Berlin mortuary reflects visitors to an exhibition called The Dead at the National Museum of Photography and Television, Bradford. The images on show examine the ways in which artists antighotographers explore ideas of mortality Photograph: John Houlian/Guzelien

Daily Mail' warms to new Labour

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The tantalising prospect that Associated Newspapers, publishers of the Daily Mail, Mail dard, could support Labour in the next general election was floated publicly for the first time yesterday by Sir David English, the company's chairman.

companies being less ready to Sir David reveals in the Business leaders said they Spectator that the papers' prothought it had been abandoned prietor, Lord Rothermere, acknowledged this week that an but the disclosure that a scaleddown Bill was still being preendorsement of Tony Blair was pared threatened fresh "not impossible" . Lord Rotherapposition from the Institute of mere's remark fullowed a two Directors, the CBI and the hour private meeting with the British Chambers of Commerce. Labour leader. Sir David con-Richard Brown, the deputy tinues that "we may or may not"

profite support to Mr Blair and that it is "too early to say".

The tentative hints came the day after the Murdoch press, traditionally the hane of Labour's electoral prospects, speech to the Labour Party conference in Brighton. The notion that the Daily

Mail could for the first time forsake its Tory heritage for New Labour comes in a conference diary from Brighton in which he cribes several lunches with the Labour leader. Sir David says these have been "much more fun" than when "current members of the Government came gloomily to dine. Sir David says that Mr Blair

sation "what (wo destricted) had been through," when "we talked about trade unions and what they had done to kill the newspaper industry", and adds: "He indicated quite clearly that, not be restored to the point where we would have to fate that again.".

He describes a conversation about welfare in which Mr Blair made it clear that he shared the concern of the Mail's editor, Paul Dacre, about the welfare and social costs of single mothers. In contrast to both the late John Smith and John Major both of whom had affered an "almost identical...knee-jerk, politically correct dismissal of this subject" in similar conver- even endorse him."

satisfies Mr. Is a separate of separate of separation was ... betraying eneration of children".

Mr Blair had told Associatam the only one who has the will to reform the welfare state. Sir David says a "thoughtful silence custed" among col-

leagues after this remark. Sir David says that "we are not without scepticism towards the present government" and adds: "We feel we must contime our dialogue with Tony Blair to the point where we can accurately reflect our opinion of him come the election; whether to attack him, remain neutral or



Sir David English: lunches

Press barons enticed by charm offensive

hailing Tony Blair as the greatest visionary since John F Kennedy, the next the chairman of that other hasting of Tory support, Associated Newspapers, teasingly halds nut the prospect of backing the Labour leader at the general election.

One day the Murdoch press is

the proposed Bill could still go Never mind the aspirin, Thry ahead. Mrs Shephard told Mr Howard in her memnrandum party spin doctors are reaching she agreed in principle with de-terring illegal working. But she for the carving knife and beginning to size up their wrists. While Sir David English's wrote: "There is a danger that employers will concentrate musings in this week's Spectator fall well short of a commitchecks on prospective employees whum they see as a risk, if not simply exclude them from ment to back Labnur, they are an intriguing subtext to the Leading article, page 20



had acknowledged in conver-

The apparent love affair be-tween Rupert Murdoch and Mr Blair began last year with dinner in Loudon, continued with an invitation to the Labour leader to address a conference hosted by the tycoon on a Pacific island, and approached

consummation this week.
On Wednesday the Sun
hailed Mr Blair's Brightnn speech as "the most remarkable ever made to a Labour conference". Today called it an escape

this government, and even the Times said the Tories would find the modern day JFK's moral crusade "as difficult to ape as

it will be to criticise".

According to Sir David's diary, Associated's relationship with Mr Blair began over lunch. While it appears to have blossomed on a personal level, the real test of any rapprochement between new Labour and old As-sociated will be in its newspapers. Since Paul Dacre, a trenchant

right-winger, moved to the Daily Mail, the Evening Standard has adopted a more fluid, liberal political line. Of the traditionally

day, it rhapsodised over Mr Blair's "inspirational" confer-ence speech: "The Tories have in him an opponent to be tak-en seriously. Silly vituperation will not do: they have to come up to his standard of seriousness and intellectual weight." The Daily Mail has been a

stormtrooper for the right, con-cluding after the ditching of Clause Four that "the Labour leopard has not changed its spots". After Mr Blair's home truths speech to the TUC last month, the paper had mel-lowed but still felt Mr Blair was right-wing press, it alone backed "long on emotional commit-John Major in the Conservative ment and short on detail".

Then came Brighton. The Daily Mail wondered how Mr leadership contest. On Wednes-Blair would fund his vision and whether a Labour government could balance the books. But the admiration was evident "His conference speech was a tour de force, brilliantly pitched to heal the divisions within his own party while speaking to the

heart of the nation as a whole," it reported. When Mr Blair returns from Brighton, perhaps there will be a more daring invitation to dinner on his doormat, franked Associated Newspapers.

RHYS WILLIAMS Media Correspondent



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The remarkable arrival of Lord Tebhit and Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom in Brighton yesterday to defeod Tony Blair's agreement with BT from Tory attack, brought to a fresh and hugely public climax a policy process which, until this week, had attracted little attentioo but which has beeo

long in the making.
It was last October that Tony Blair - who has his own E-mail address, and whose computerliterate wife Cherie is fully Internet-friendly, asked Chris Smith, the shadow Heritage Secretary, to make the development of policy on the informatioo superhighway his central priority for the year. The Commons Trade and

Industry Select Committee, chaired by Labour's Richard Caborn but Tory-dominated, had in the late summer of 1994 already recommended the gradual relaxation of restrictions on BT's access to the cable enter-

tainment business between 1998 and 2002.

The company insists this is necessary to secure an adequate return for the £15bn investment needed to finance the right mix of fibre optic, radio link and modernised networks of copper cahle in put the whole of Britain on line.

This sort of infrastructure would allow a schoolchild in Falkirk to tap into the Science Museum's database in London or a doctor to take a instant second npinion from a consultant by showing him an X-ray while

his patient is still in his surgery. The Government rejected the recommendation outrightthough there were uncorrobo-rated suggestions m rated suggestions in Westminster yesterday that Mr Heseltine would have liked to

adopt the proposals but was advised by two senior officials in the DTTs telecommunications division that this was impossible, given the commitments made to the cable companies But well before then Mr Blair had been talking to media



to warm. In July, Mr Blair was

a keynote speaker at Mr Mur-

Tony Stair (left) and Str lain Vallance, who sealed the Labour Party deal with British Telecom, and Michael Heseltine, who had wanted to relax restrictions to the cable network heavyweights about the impli-

cations of the superhighway. In-deed it was that subject over off the coast of Queensland. Chris Smith, who was anywhich Mr Blair's relationship thing but a computer expert with Rupert Murdoch, inwhen Mr Blair's summons came, but is now widely reternational media tycoon, began

spected in the industry as a very

fast learner, travelled to the US,

Immious Hayman Island resort, off the coast of Queensland. talked to Department of Commerce officials and went to Stamford University and Cali-fornia's "Smart valley" to bring himself up to date with the information revolution.

Mr Smith set up a policy forum not only of front benchers doch's international conference met Vice President Al Gore's in-for his senior staff, held at the formation technology experts, of outside consultants, ranging

Logica's Philip Hughes, Professor Steve Hepple of Anglia Polytechnic'a Ultralab, Sir John Daniel of the Open University and James Purnell, information expert at the left of centre institute of Public Policy Research, an Islington Labour councillor and one of Mr Blau's key advisers on the issue. And by February, when Tony

Blair met Sir Iain to hear his pitch on behalf of the Select Committee report, Mr Smith was already floating the idea in speeches that the Government would need some form of social return for relaxing the restrictions. That idea - which was virtually the only aspect of the policy announced on Tuesday which did not crop up in the Select Committee Report - eventually bore fruit in the BT offer to connect every school, college, ospital and library for free.

By the time Mr Blair travelled to Hayman Island in July the policy of agreeing to lift the re-strictions on BT, Mercury and other potential telephone com-

from Sir David Puttnam to panies in return for free interconnection of public institutions was already complete. But it may have been Mr Blair's trip to Australia that finally persuaded of him of the political profile such a policy could be

For as Mr Blair chatted with the Australian premier in one of their adjoining suites over-looking the hexagonal pool, Mr Blair remarked that he had to return home to make a speech to the information superhighway conference Mr Smith had convened for July 18.

By all accounts, Paul Keating, who also has an agenda of connecting up every public build-ing, was lyrical about the political implications of the superhighway. Immediately, Mr Keating who, even more than Tony Blair, has never made any secret of his admiration for the political drive of Margaret Thateher, had an imposing dossier of speeches and documents faxed down from Canberra and communicated his

It was not long after Mr Smith's cooference at the Oueen Elizabeth II centre in Westminster that discreet contact was made hetween Mr Blair's office and BT, and the basis for the proposal which Mr blair announced on Tuesday was out to Sir lain. Highly secret negotiations were carried out by Alan Rudge, BT's deputy chair-man and Jonathan Powell, Mr Blair's chief of staff, who worked closely with Geoff Norris, the industry and education adviser in Mr Blair's office.

After the summer holiday. the negotiations fell into place with remarkable speed. Copies of Mr Blair's speech drafts passed between his office - and later his suite in Brightnn's Metropole Hotel - to BT in London, and according to one account, to some of the senior BT executives gathered, ironically, along with lan Taylor, the DTI Telecommunications Minister, at an international telecommunications conference in Geneva. By Tuesday the text

Heaney, an Irish patriot who scaled the world's peak

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Reporter

Seamus Heaney has risen to literature's Olympian heights from the simplest of begin-nings - a small farm called Mossbawn in Co Londooderry where he was born the eldest of nine children in 1939.

He was brought up a Catholic on the farm sprawled on the long, flat road between Toomebridge in Co Antrim - famous for eels and the hanging of the Catholic republican patriot Roddy MacCorly - and Castle Dawsoo in Co Londooderry, a Protestant loyalist town. There he learned to avoid Prolestant boys attempting to run him over with their bicycles.

One of Heaney's earliest memories is of his father, a cattle dealer, oearly drowning because his horse reared up and overturned his cart oo a riverbank. But it was this rural childhood which shaped Heaney's languorous early poetry, with its sensuous evocations of blackberry picking, milk churning, thatching and threshing.

Column's College, Londoo-derry, then at Queen's College, Belfast, where he was a brilliant scholar. He longed to he a full-time poet but elected to lecture there initially be-

cause of distrust of his ability. It was in the 1960s that the poet began to emerge. Heaney became part of a group in Belfast who, he recalled, "used to talk poetry day after day with an intensity and prejudice that cannot but have left a mark on

all of us". In 1966 he published his first major collection of poetry, which arrived oo the literary

landscape like a thunderclap. Later, during the Troubles, he described the atmosphere in which he and the other Belfast poets worked as a reality of "explosions, road blocks and rhetoric" which made writers feel "socially called upon" and "answerahle". He has oever lost sight of this Irishness. "Be advised my passport's green. No glass of ours was ever raised to toast the Queen," he warned the editors of the Penguin Anthology of British Poetry when they included his work in the col-

With the publication of each successive collection of poetry from the early Death of a Naturalist to Seeing Things of 1991, Heaney's reputation has grown until he is oow considered the major poet in the English speaking world.

With fame has come responsibility and possessions. Heaney, his wife Marie and his children move between a bat-, tered family house in Dublin. country cottage at Glammore, 50 miles from the city, and a flat at Harvard (where he is Boyl-He was educated at St ston Professor). Until last year he was also Professor of Poetry at Oxford University, and his life is one of a globe-trotter for much of the year until he can retire to phooe-less cottage at Glammore and write.

He says he was first inspired by the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins, was "Eliotised" at university and admires Emily Dickinson and Ted Hughes. A poem 11 years ago spoke of the vulgarity of the artist "expecting ever gratitude or admiration, hich would mean a stealing from him". If that is so, then the Nobel award is the greatest



The delicate density of a complete genius

Prizewinners since 1980 1995; Seamus Heaney 1994: Kenzaburo Oe (Japan)

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(Colombia)
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"Hats off gentlemen, a genius," Brahms directed a roomful of musicians, on first hearing Liszt play the piano; just as people have been proclaiming Seamus Heaney's genius almost from

"Soon people are going to start comparing him to Yeats," Clive James observed on the publication of Wintering Out, and that was in 1972 when the Derry-born bard was a tender 33. Now 56, with eight volumes of verse and three essay collections to his name, only Geoffrey Hill, Les A Murray, Joseph Brodsky and Derek Walcott (the two last-named. Nobel Laureates) come close in global reclamé. Heaney's special quality resides in his poetic John Walsh on the rise and rise of the Derry-born bard

completeness; his skill as a user of language wedded to the del-icacy of his epiphanies and the subtlety of his critical insights. His poetry has always been characterised by dense syllabic lines, thick-textured as the turf of Mossbawn, his family home. From evoking the sights and smells and threats of rural life - the churning-day crocks, the flax-dam invaded by an army of bolted frogs - he moved on to consider the roots of violence in his native Ulster.

His most daring mythopoe-ic stroke dates from these years, when he drew an explicit connection between Provo and UVF murders and the ancient tribal rituals of Scandanavia, the never lost its gnaried and knotmedieval sacrificial rites of the Tollund Men: "Out there in Jutland," he wrote, "In the old man-killing parishes, I will feel lost,/Unhappy and at home". It was an act of perfect imagina-

tive sympathy.

After North, Heaney's role as an essentially public writer was established. He became a kind of ambassador of poetry the global lecture circuit. His work began to consider the language that is shared but fought over by English and Irish, the huge symbolic properties contained m a verb or an oyster - "the

ted music, or its magical preci-sion, his concerns hecame increasingly rarefied in The Haw Lantern and Station Island, his imagination seemed to turn inward. But in Clearances, a sequence of sonnets to his late mother and in his most recent collection, Seeing Things, he returned spectacularly to form through his own past, and writ-ing of the "space" that was enrichingly cleared in his life by death, and the mimations of the numinous that wake the every-

day world into sudden light

and transform it as his own po-

exhilarating man to meet, the narrow slits of his eyes (in that vast battlement of a head) constantly creased with laughter, his huge ploughman's grip dwarfing one's citified fingers.

He will argue enthusiastically with star-struck students about critical theory, extemporise risky literary formulations (speaking of someone's attempt to represent Wilde as a killer satirist, he once told me. "Synge goes right in under the nail; Wilde just glides along the top nf it") theo escape to hear his friend David Hammond play Sink Her in the Lowland Sea on a hattered fnik guitar. He is a literary hero sans pareil in a frond-lipped, brine-stung ghut/of etry transformed mud and world where heroes are few. privilege. Though his language stones into statement. He is an Hats off gentlemen, indeed.

DAILY POEM

The Haw Lantern By Seamus Heaney

The wintry haw is burning out of season, crab of the thorn, a small light for small people, wanting no more from them but that they keep the wick of self-respect from dving out, not having to blind them with illumination

But sometimes when your breath plumes in the frost it takes the roaming shape of Diogenes with his lantern, secking one just man; so you end up scrutinised from behind the haw he holds up at eve-level on its twig, and you flinch before its bonded pith and stone. its blood-prick that you wish would test and clear you, its pecked-at ripeness that scans you, then moves on,

This poem is the title poem of The Haw Lantern, published by Faber in 1987. A new collection will be published in the

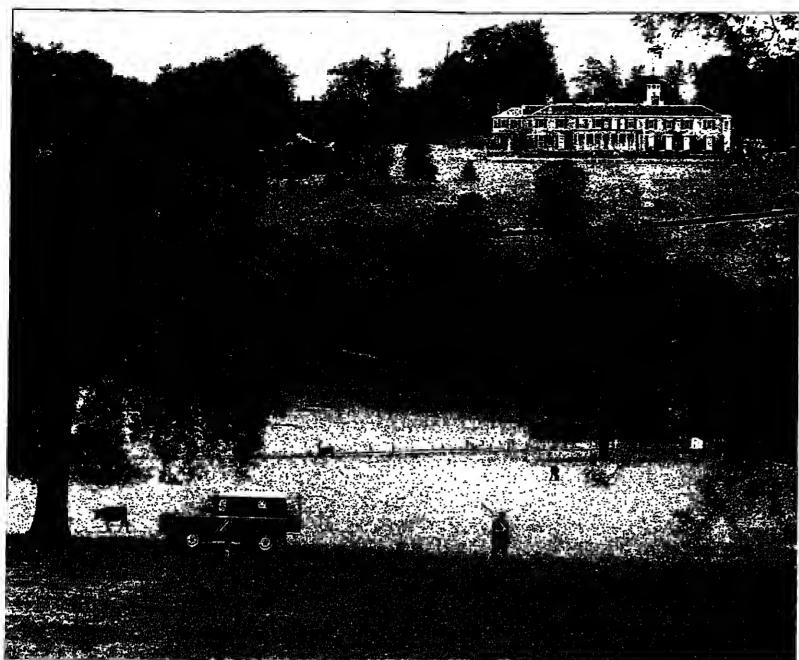
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Will Si Knights case 'a watershed for contempt laws'

Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lawyers believe that the Geoffrey Knights case - abandoned by a judge because of pre-trial stories in newspapers – will lead to a redefinition of the law on contempt.

Eight newspapers have been referred to the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, by Judge Roger Sanders, for publishing various stories about Mr Knights after the case had tested 15th Attorney General started. If the Attorney General decides to prosecute any or all of the eight, it will set new case

The contempt laws are ap-parently clear - there must be no publication of material which causes a "substantial risk of serious prejudice" to a trial. This applies from the moment of arrest. Unlimited fines and imprisonment of editors are the possible punishments. But the words "substantial"

and "serious" are the sort which lawyers will take as a licence to argue about definition. A cantious lawyer can use the Act to say nothing may appear; a bull-ish one that almost nothing would stop a jury weighing up the evidence fairly.

Sir Nicholas is aware of the two sides. "There is a careful balance to be struck between two public interests - the interest of free speech, and the interest in a free trial," he said yesterday.

In other countries, even with a similar legal tradition, judges put freedom of speech much higher. Some states in America, including California, take it to the extreme where freedom of speech is absolute and juries have to be locked away from television and newspapers.

Sir Nicholas, during a interview on BBC Radio 4's Today programme yesterday, hinted that be was among those lawyers who see this as a test case provoked by what is On one level Sir Nicholas was will be aware there is a danger thought to be the first case of doing no more than explaining in defining the law too tightly.

a judge to halt a trial.

The Attorney General said he would review all the articles.
"We shall examine those carefully and then we shall write to the editors concerned asking them any reason why the mat-



the 'Daily Mirror's' view of the case yesterday, below



ter should not be referred to the Divisional Court as a potential criminal contempt. We shall then decide whether to refer (any) to the court. It is my job as attorney general to enforce the law firmly but fairly."

his position in law. But he will have to make a public ruling on specific alleged abuses of process which between them

cover most of the possibilities. Between them the tabloid newspapers are accused of influencing the jury with varying degrees of hlatancy from detailing previous convictions to interviewing witnesses and giving detailed and wrong ac-

The first level of new guide lines will come from the alleged breaches Sir Nicholas decides to refer. The second will come from the case law set down in the High Court's verdicts. Sir Nicholas said: "If the court finds the newspapers have broken the law or committed a criminal contempt, they will give such punishment as they see fit."

If he refers none, it is giving editors virtually carte blanche to push the boundaries towards greater freedom of speech.

Newspapers rely on a judgment by Lord Denning in 1977, which was bullish about the resilience of juries which he thought took very little notice of what appeared in newspapers. Those editors and newspapers who have commented on the Knights ruling have all said they will argue their articles did not jeopardise a fair trial. Charles Collier-Wright, le-

gal manager of Mirror Group Newspapers, which owns three of the titles accused of con-tempt, did not accept that newspapers were deliberately risking prejudicing a jury, although they might be publishing more background information now than in the past.
Yesterday the Daily Mirror published interviews with Mr

Knights and the man he had been charged with attacking, but stressed both had been interviewed after the case ended.

While it must be tempting for the Attorney General to try to shift the boundaries back, he

ITV gets into costume drama

RHYS WILLIAMS Media Correspondent

the BBC's high ground of cos-tume drama by aunouncing two major classical adaptations for

Launching a £583m peak-time package for 1996, Marcus Plantin, ITV's network director, said the channel would carry

Pride and Prejudice, currently on BBC1, and for Michael Dobbs's House of Cards.
Mr Plantin said he was meet-

ing "head on the competitive pressure of the multi-channel environment".

Other highlights for next year include a fourth weekly

Austen's Emma and Moll Flan- episode of Coronation Street ders by Daniel Defoe. Both and the moving forward of will be adapted by Andrew World In Action, which will be yesterday moved in on Davies, the man responsible for screened balf an bour earlier at 8pm - both signs of increasingly intense mid-peak competition.

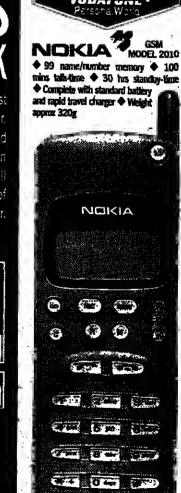
News At Ten will remain in its current slot, but late-evening fare will be promoted more ag-gressively with a £10m package of youth. light-entertainment and sex-based programmes, including quiz and dating games.



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From scampi in the basket to rooks baked in a pie

James Cusick reports on radical changes to the British pub

Where once scampi in a basket ruled supreme, there is oow Pie (£7.50). "The rooks," she rook pie or ostrich medallions. Where once an order for a glass of chardonnay brought silence or gales of derision, there are now glimmers of hope. Britain's pubs are apparently reaching

The leading annual guide to the houses of ale and atmosphere, The Good Pub Guide, published yesterday to claims that pub food, pub architecture and pub prices may be going through something of a renaissance. The Guide's editor, Alisdair Aird, writes that "the wine tide has finally turned", and claims that prices have gone up

only a whisker above inflation. The Guide also claims that food is dominating the quiet revolution inside Britain's public houses and that choosing the Dining Pub of the Year "has been the most difficult ever".

Having discovered the microwave and the freezer in the 1980s, it was oot unusual, according to Mr Aird, to see pub menus with between 50 and 100 dishes. The growing uniformity of brewery-owned pubs haslened what the traditionalists believed was an end to individualism in pubs. No more.

"Character is making its comeback," Mr Aird said. His list of "unlikely ingredients" in this year's Guide includes offal, organic produce and a large Thai influence.

Wendy Hibbard runs and cooks in The Sun at Winforton (£5.50), happily rubbing shoul-in Herefordshire and for six ders with wild boar in apple weeks during the spring months gravy.

says, "come from one of my con-tacts. Only the rook breasts are used and the taste is somewhere between grouse and pigeon." Tourists who flock to Herefordshire for the experience of the unusual pic expect beaks to be peeking out over the pastry

crust, but she says "they are dis-

New taste: Rook pie like 'pigeon or grouse'

appointed there are none". This week in The Sun, with rooks out of season, it was venison braised in sloe gin and brandy and Greek "stiphado", which is beef in red wine.

The Lion and Unicorn in Thornhill, Ceotral Scotland, has no blackbirds but instead they have a fast-running variety. Their menu includes ostrich medallions in a Madeira source

The trend towards individualism is highlighted in the ouiet coastal town of Paversham in Keni where a French chef, Patrick Coevoet, and his wife, Josephine, have brought gastronomic sophistication to a once delapidated pub.

With moored yachts outside and nautical paraphernalia inside, the Albion, with its blackboard menu of Anglo-French dishes, indicates an educated clientele.

Their first appearance in the Guide means Patrick's and Josephine's belief that people now want first-class food in a relaxed pub atmosphere has been proved. Patrick said: "I came here from Hazebrouck, near Lille, nearly 10 years ago. Ini-tially I worked in a French restaurant. Now I prefer the pub. We don't have starched or stiff waiters hanging around. The atmosphere is relaxed. The food? It must be good; we are booked out most weekends." Mr Aird believes Britain's

pubs may be in for a "vintage year" but adds: "We don't want to believe it will all be downhill from here. It won't be."

The 1996 Pub of the Year the Queen's Head, Troutbeck, Combria.

Own Brew Pub of the Year-The Cavendish Arms, Cartmel, Cumbria. Town Pub of the Year - White

Locks, Leeds, Yorkshire. Family Pub of the Year - The Wight Mice, Isle of Wight. Dining Pub of the Year - The Cholmondeley Arms, near Bickley Moss, Cheshire.



New entry: The Albion pub in Faversham, Kent, which appears in the annual 'The Good Pub Guide', published yesterday Photograph: Brian Hams

Police chief hits out over teenage crime

JONATHAN FOSTER

The leader of a teenaged gang responsible for 445 offences since April has been placed in custody after Nottinghamshire police and social workers spent nearly a year trying to stem a wave of theft and vandalism.

Seven boys, oow aged betweeo 12 and 15, have operatand as -a -gang, based since members of the gang commithome in Mansfield, A. . # 1

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419 times, but a shortage of secure accommodation and govguidelines on

free to resume offending. Superintendent Alan Capps, commander of Mansfield police division, yesterday told the police authority that "revolving door justice" had brought "untold pain to the community" and

danger to his officers.
"On many occasions, my officers have detained the juve-

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niles prior to committing crime, and taken them back to the children's home," Supt Capps said.

They take them to the front door and, because social services are not empowered to physically detain the offenders the children run out of the back door and go on further criminal rampage.

"In ooe such 12-hour period November in a social services ted 14 separate serious offences of burglary, car their and ide.

The boys knew they were unlikely to be locked up by the courts until they reached their treatment of children in care 15th birthdays. They often have combined to leave them. drove dangerously in stolen cars, laughing at police efforts to stop them, Supl Capps said. Gwilym Griffith, assistant di-

rector of Nottinghamshire social services, said recidivist invenile crime was becoming common across Britain. Some social workers now despaired of turning children away from crime, and saw their role in-

creasingly as one of restraint. Gang members were in care because of their criminal behaviour or trusney, Mr Griffith said. Two had spent terms in secure accommodation but rules in children's homes forbade physical force unless a young person was in imminent danger.

"Department of Health guidelines need changing so Supt Capps: that staff can physically restrain But he said social workers were reluctant to change the regime in homes substantially because of abuse endured by children subjected to "pin-down" meth-ods in homes in Staffordshire.

Only when a child under 15 persistently offends, or commits a serious crime, can magis-

trates send him into custody. Last week, the gang ring-leader burgled and set fire to a clothes shop causing damage es-timated at £9,000. Magistrates agreed to send him to a secure unit, but it look four days before social workers found a va-



This is not

cant place at a cootre in Leeds. Mr Capps said: "This is not a political statement. It is a message to highlight the impact that invenile crime has on the community, and the workload faced

by investigating officers.
"I accept that many people have stated that imprisonment does not reform offenders, but imprisonment does give respite to the victims of crime, and I am faced in Mansfield with many shopkeepers whose insurance companies will now not provide them with cover because of the oumber of claims being made.

Mother 'wanted to kill children'

A mother accused of fatally poisoning one daughter and attacking another, who died years later of brain damage, had twice threatened to kill her

children, a jury heard yesterday. Tommy Butler, the former husband of Celia Beckett, 34, sobbed as he told Nottingham Crown Court of her "violent"

Ms Beckett is accused of poisoning her daughter Tracey, four, who died in 1986 from an overdose of an anti-depressant, amitriptyline, which was prescribed to Ms Beckett and which she is alleged to have fed

to the child. The cause of death

was originally given as bronchitis
but detectives applied to have
kill the children, "Celia said to the body exhumed last January. Ms Beckett, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, is also charged

with causing grievous bodily harm to another daughter Clare, who suffered a serious brain injury in 1984 when four months' old. Clare died in 1991 in a home for the severely mentally handicapped.

She is further charged with poisoning and cruelty to a third daughter, Debbie, six, between 1989 and 1992.

Mr Butler, 41, said he was distraught at the death of his two

me in confidence she couldo't stand seeing Tracey and Clare suffer and she wanted to give them some drugs to put them to sleep," he said.

Oliver Blunt QC, for the defence, rejected the claims, saying Mr Butler had oot told the police about the threats but had invented them. He said Mr Butler had sold photographs of his daughters to a oational newspaper and had tried to sell a book about the case.

recently applied to the Crimi- overdose in September 1986. children. He told the court that nal Injuries Compensation

the death of his two childreo. Earlier, the court was told that Ms Beckett bad blamed Mr Butler for causing the brain injury to Clare. David Holmes, who became

Ms Beckett's boyfriend in 1986, said: "Celia told me Tommy Butler had caused the injury. However, Mr Holmes described his anger at how Ms Beckett treated Tracey. He said she ignored her after the child had suffered a serious overdose, just three weeks before she Mr Butler admitted he had died from a second, similar

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The essence of

Blair victory in keeping Trident

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Tony Blair secured the unequivocal support of the Labour conference for his defence policy yesterday, as delegates voted decisively not to scrap the

Trident nuclear missile system. The vote, by 55.8 per cent to 44.2 per cent, reverses last year's traditional embarrassment and removes the last vestige of unilateralism from

Lahour policy after 15 years. Combined with votes against a motion to end government support for the arms trade, and proved by conference. But

another resolving not to debate calls for cuts in defence spendng, the results were hailed by Mr Blair as a further significant endorsement of "new Labour".

"This vote shows a new maturity in the party's attitude to defence. At this conference, on issue after issue, we have seen a party, united, sensible, and determined to build the new Britain we want to create," he

The Labour Party ahandoned unilateralism under Neil Kinnock in 1989, when a policy review document was ap-

conference has consistently faced both ways, by also passing motions to scrap Trident or cut defence spending. In yesterday's debate, John

Lahour defence spokesman, described the anti-Trident motion a "pious slogan". He said: "I understand the sentiment attached to it it. But it is wrong because it is one-sided disarmament."

Gill Collins (Orpington), moving the motion, said: "Trident is a massive, costly white elephant that should soon be with the dinosaurs." But Lee Vasey (Darlington) warned: "The world remains a dangerous place, as Bosnia has shown us. We must ensure that our defence forces have the necessary

resources and equipment."

Brian Godsell, of the AEEU engineering union, told dele-gates: "Defence has been the Achilles' heel of the Labour Party for too long. Now's the time to turn defence into attack."

Joan Lestor, the left-wing MP put up by the National Executive to reply to the debate, warned the motion could be "misinterpreted at a time when there are enormous opportunities for negotiated reductions

in nuclear arms worldwide". Last year's motion to scrap Trident was carried by 54 per cent to 46 per cent. The shopworkers' union, Usdaw, with 5 per cent of the vote, which voted to scrap Trident last year, this year changed its position to sup-

also appears to have been a substantial shift in opinion among local party delegates.
Unison, the GMB and the engineers voted against the motion, the Transport and Gen-eral Workers' Union, MSF and

Communication Workers voted

port the leadership. But there

Janet Bloomfield, chairwoman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, described the vote as "Tony Blair's first hlank cheque policy commitment - the true costs of Trident are uncertain and forever escalating". She said that it "runs against the grain of pub-

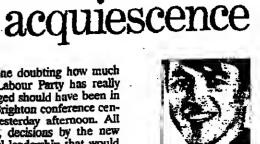
Another motion - opposed by the National Executive because of the effect it would have on jobs - calling on a Labour government to end financial support for arms exports through government agencies, was defeated on a show of hands.

Anyone doubting how much the Labour Party has really changed should have been in the Brighton conference centre yesterday afternoon. All week, decisions by the new model leadership that would

have provoked rioting in the aisles five years ago have been applauded cheerfully by dele-

Deals with privatised megacorps boasting bald former cahinet ministers on their boards? Fine by them. Preserve grant-maintained schools of the sort that the leader's son attends? Good idea. Keep Trident? Yo, Tony. And yesterday. Jack Straw, the man who dared to rant in the most incorrect of political ways about "winos, beggars and squeegee merchants" was allowed to make a 20-minute speech on getting tough on crime without once being interrupted by a lengthy point of order from the Amalramated Union of Windscreen Cleansing Operatives. This spirit of acquiescence may, of course, have been the result of delegates being exhausted by the pace of it all. Straw's speech came at the end of a marathon charge through the agenda, in which 10 subjects and 80 resolutions were discussed in just over two hours. Orders and composites piled up on each other with harely time to breathe in between.

schedule seems to have been constructed by the computer which wrote Railtrack's new timetable. Just as you were expecting to climh aboard a debate on crime, along came one on local government. "This is a heck of an afternoon," said chairperson Clare Short at one stage. "Now let's move on to Northern Ireland." It was instructive throughout this gallop to watch the big guns on the platform. When, for instance, a woman wearing a green lapel ribbon took to the rostrum and started talking a bit like Gerry Adams's press officer, they were faced with a dilemma. Snort in derision and the cameras banked in front of them would snap up the evidence of Street.



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a divided party. Look as though they were listening politely and there would be a clear sign that the leadership endorsed the loonies.

So Jack Straw, for instance, appeared totally neutral whenever he disagreed with a speaker: poring over his papers, or having a quiet word in Clare Short's ear about procedure. Tony Blair is the master of this method of giving nothing away on the platform. While his deputy John Prescott wraps his huge fists around his chin as he sits and listens, the back of his jacket rising up round his jow-els, Blair spends his entire time aware of the photo opportunity; aware, perhaps of what was made of that picture of John Major with his head in his hands at a dinner.

Thus, as others speak, Blair sits so erect it appears he has left the coat-hanger in the back of his jacket, hand movements rationed to the point of extinction. Except when some-one says something he agrees Moreover, the conference with, and then they move into action as he claps ostentatiously. He was doing that more than ever at the end of Straw's stirring call for "swift and tough action to be taken against criminal and anti-social vagrants." In truth, Blair's appreciation of his own personal Rottweiler was significantly more enthusiastic than the delegates, who prefer their speakers to stick to one main resolution: "tough on Tories, tough on the causes of Tories."

Meanwhile the Amalgamated Union of Windscreen Cleansing Operatives had, like Arthur Scargill earlier in the week, voted with their feet. And were hard at work by the traffie lights at the top of West

John Rentoul looks at the 'young fixers' whose behind-the-scenes manoeuvres secured platform success Vote-winners in

the background

Despite the muttering about doctoral thesis on the analyti-how out-of-touch the leader's cal basis of historical materialoffice is, how the "inner sanctum" does not understand the Labour Party, this week's unseen conference fixers have secured a remarkable unbroken series of successful votes - the

first time the platform has not suffered defeat on a single vote. Tony Blair insists that the relationship between leadership and membership has changed gone are the days when the conference ritually passed defiant resolutions which the National

Executive Committee ignored. The planning for this week's conference started in January, and more recently Mr Blair himself and David Blunkett, his education spokesman, have met hundreds of local party delegates. At party rallies last month in Dudley, West Midlands, and Crawley, West Sussex, local delegates were called in afterwards to chat to the leader.

But in Brighton the vital work of lobbying delegates and collecting information was car-

ism, hut more recently was a key figure in the arm-twisting operation which delivered the result on one member, one vote for John Smith at the 1993

Labour conference. Pat McFadden, 30, a policy adviser in the leader's office. One of only two staff inherited from John Smith, he was responsible with Dr Cruddas for canvassing the trade unions.

Sally Morgan, in the leader's office, responsible for liaison with the party organisation.
She proved her worth in the 1992 election campaign, when she organised the effort in marginal seats which delivered a higher swing to Labour than in safe seats. She is the vital link with the NEC. ■ Phil Wilson, 36, one of Mr

Sedgefield constituency, the enthusiast for the mass membership party there, who has a hrief to carry the recruitment gospei all over the country.

Margaret McDonagh, who ried out by a team of young fixers, who keep themselves out of the limelight, including:

I Jon Cruddas, 33, chief assistant to Tom Sawyer, party general secretary. He once wrote a has replaced Ms Morgan as "key

Blair's closest allies in his



Persuasive touch: Margaret McDonagh (left) was drafted in to help woo constituency delegates Photograph: John Voos

Their greatest triumph was the defeat yesterday of the call to scrap Trident - although one source stressed they were not engaged in hullying: "We can't persuade people unless they want to be persuaded." By contrast with the rigorous

West European average level, three local parties failed to organisation of the party ma- tions. While a composite motion since been trying to "interpret"

would have been debated, as chine, the left failed to marshal its forces. On the one issue on single motions they fell. which the leadership could have been defeated, the annual call to cut defence speoding to the

The fixers' only real failure came at the start of the week when the leadership was forced to accept a motion which committed it to renationalising the "composite" their similar mo- railways - which Mr Blair has

rassed when party officials were forced yesterday to correct the published results of a vote taken on Tuesday. The vote, the most important of 25 rulebook revisions, gives the leadership the power to call ballots of party membership on policy issues.

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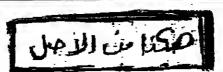
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EABOUR IN BRIGHTON

Party backs referendum on reform of Commons

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

The right of the British people to decide in a refereodum whether they want to reform the Commons voting system was comfortably backed by delegates yesterday, to the delight of campaigners for proportional representation.

Labour Party chiefs also avoided a potentially divisive vote oo speeding up elected reglonal assemblies for England. A leadership aide insisted

party managers were surprised at the ease with which the 2-1 majority by a show of hands reaffirmed the commitment to the plebiscite put in place by John Smith. An expected card vote by one of the unions hostile to the policy oever materialised after a heavy lobbying exercise by its supporters and subtle pressure from the party high command.

The move avoids a potentially damaging rift between Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the Liberal Democrats. The Labour leader said recently that he remained "unpersuaded" of the merits of the reform. But a no vote by the conference could have jeopardised discussions the two parties are poised to begin on how to advance through Parliament agreed reforms such as a Scottish parliament - itself to be elected by the "additional member" form of proportional rep-

resentation. Urgiog the leadership to drop the commitment, Alistair Watson, a councillor from Glasgow Pollock, said: "A referendum offers a way forward only for the minorities such as the Liberals and the Scottish nationalists and the fascists. Why should we get into bed with the decaying corpse of liberalism? We should always remember that to depend on the Liberals.

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Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, made no se-cret of his own backing for first-past-the-post, but urged delegates: "There are many in this party, and outside, who take a different view. The result is that the very legitimacy of this, the most basic feature of our democracy, has been called into question. It is now time to resolve this matter.

Two years ago John Smith gave a pledge to the British peo-ple that his Labour government would give them the final word ... I ask you to ensure that his pledge is reaffirmed."

He came under fire for

Labour's proposal to delay elected regional assemblies in England with the prior support of councils and local people in a referendum.

Nick Anderson, a GMB unioo delegate and chairman of Labour's Northern Regional Council, declared: "The northem regioo does oot need a referendum." He demanded: "Is the Labour Party really committed to the principle of de-centralisation? Does it really believe that decisions should be made as close as possible to the people whose lives those decisions affect?"

But Mr Anderson was persuaded oot to press his motion to a vote, however. Labour's final proposals for devolution will not come up for approval until next year's conference.

Frank Dobson, the environment spokesman, won a standing ovation with a speech attacking Tory party "rackets" and a strong pledge to end compulsory competitive teadering for council services, All the Tories did was hand power to countless quangos, he said.

Mr Dobson added that each £1 that compulsory competitive tendering saved cost the taxpayer £2 to make up for the extra benefits paid out and tax nottaken 10 occaus e or lawe However, his motion, was wages. "We won't impoverish easily defeated in a second dinner ladies and call it efficiency," he declared.



Quotes of the day

The Labour Party has never been a socialist party - it has socialists in it. It's just like the Church - the church has Christians in it but it isn't Tony Benn. Christian." "All in all, he's been found guilty seven times, and he's currently in court again. Yet, shamefully this man is still out on the streets - and you know what I think about that." Jack Straw, on

Michael Howard. "It is false patriotism that claims to speak for the whole nation when for 16 years they have acted only for the privileged and the wealthy within it."

Robin Cook. Tony Blair's Labour govemment will honour the promise which Margaret Thatcher and John Major have so comprehensively store harmony to our coun-Jack Straw.

Straw outlines action plan to 'nip young offending in the bud'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Two oew orders to stop young criminals drifting into repeated offending were pledged by Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary. But a largely unrepentant Mr Straw gave only limited ground over the begging controversy he initiated in a recent speech, emphasising that while Labour would seek to tackle the causes of deprivation, the community had a right to less threatening behaviour on the streets.

The proposed new sentences - the reparation order and the action plan order - would "nip young offending in the bud, providing swift intervention and effective punishment", Mr Straw

The policy document, Safer proved by delegates yesterday, says the key time oo which to

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second court appearance when the new scotences could be imposed.

The reparation order would require the young offender, with the consent of the victim, to do work for the victim or for the community. The action plan order would be an intense programme of education, family support and "teaching the difference between right and wrong", Mr Straw said.

He went on to pledge an eod to the "immoral" privatisation of Britain's prisons, and to enact new offences of racial harassment and racial violence. However, in a low-key but

firm defence to his recent attack on the menace of "squeegee merchants" and aggressive beg-ging by winos and addicts, Mr Straw said: "Yes powerty does cause crime; but crime greatly adds to poverty, and that's why focus prevention policies is the we have to be tough on the caus-

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Jack Straw: tough on crime

es of crime and tough on crime itself ... Begging on the streets and sleeping rough in shop doorways is no way for people to have to live."

Blaming the Government for poverty amidst plenty, he said Labour would remove the causes of deprivation and despair.

"But in return, the community has the right to expect less threatening behaviour on the streets. Rights and duties are the bonds which hold strong communities together."

Heavy-handed stage management of yesterday's mammoth debate on democratic recewal ensured little opportunity for criticisms to spill out on to the conference floor.

Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, promised radical reform of the legal system, while delegates enthusiastically backed a pledge to reform the Crown Prosecution Service, applauding loudly when Mr Straw said: Their refusal to prosecute the alleged killers of Stephen Lawrence [the black teenager who died af-ter being attacked at a bus stopl is but the last in a long line of decisions which the public find frankly incomprehensible."

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Ban agreed on live exports

A Labour government should ban the export of all live animals for slaughter, conference agreed yesterday in a significant tightening up of its animal welfare policy.

The unanimous decision drew cheers, after Gavin Strang. agriculture spokesman, de-clared: "Animals for slaughter should be exported on the hook. not on the hoof. We will also end the export of nur calves in veal crates." The policy would be "good for animals, good for tural jobs", Dr Strang said. The motion said: "Slaughter

of British animals should take place in British abattoirs as ocar as possible to the place of rearing." Last year, the conference only called for a ban on journeys to slaughter lasting longer than eight hours.

Ulster 'impasse'

Conference drew back from insisting on the decommission-ing of some IRA and lovalist weapons as a pre-condition to all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Northern Ireland secretary, said the issue of decommissioning had to be addressed, but she lett room for manoeuvre on the timing. She stressed she would not break the bi-partisan approach with the Government, but with-out her intervention to flesh out a motion on the peace process. Labour had risked laying itself open to the accusation of going soft on the surrender of arms.

The motion, passed overwhelmingly, expressed concern at the "impasse" in the peace process and called for all-parly talks to begin without delay. But it made no mentioo of decommissioning.

Trading envoys

Successful industrialists could be head-hunted by a Labour government to serve as ambas-sadors in countries seen as key trading markets for Britain.

The proposal, floated by for-eign affairs spokesman Robin Cook, would be a significant break with the tradition of appointing ambassadors from within the Diplomatic Service core. Mr Cook and his team have already consulted industrialists and say reaction has been favourable. Present thinking is that about half a dozen executives could fill posts in countries where E terest was mainly commercial. The growth markets of the Pacific rim would be prime targets.

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Legacy of the Third Reich: Case against 84-year-old man accused of murder during Second World War comes back to court

Bail for pensioner facing war crime murder charges

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committal by magistrates to the Old Bailey.

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alised by ministers whilst the act

was going through parliament,

but was never amended by suc-

But the Home Office made

STEPHEN WARD

The first man to be charged with war crimes under British law appeared before Epsom magistrates yesterday. Szymon Serafinowicz, 84, is

facing four charges of murder under the War Crimes Act. The 1991 act allows for men now living in Britain to be prosecuted for alleged offences committed io German-occu-

Mr Serafinowicz has been charged in relation to killings in Belorussia in 1941.

He was arrested and first appeared before magistrates in

style full committal hearing of the charges against Mr Serafinowicz.
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with age, he stood in the dock ceeding Home Secretaries. Uothroughout an eight-and-a-half-minute hearing in the wood panelled courtroom yesterday, der an old-style committal an examining magistrate has to hear from the prosecution witnessand was remanded on coodies in person.

They can be cross-examined The entire Dorking Magis-trates' Court huilding has been reserved for the whole of Jan-uary and February for an oldby the defence, and the magistrate then has to decide whether there is a prima facia case to commit to a higher court for tri-

> The Home Office's error may mean huge extra expense to the taxpayer. Up to 26 wit-nesses are expected to be called by the prosecution to appear in Dorking, and many will have to be flown into Britain from oth-

Both sides' legal costs are being paid out of public funds. If most witnesses are of a similar said: "My client is completely inthe defendant is committed for age. Committal proceedings



War weery: Szymon Serafinowicz leaves Dorking Magistrates' Court yesterday after his brief appearance

trial, the witnesses will have to be flown in a second time. The strictions are lifted. procedure also means a substantially increased delay. Mr Serafinowicz will be 85 by the time the committal starts and

cannot be reported unless re- full and vigorous defence will A statement read by Mr Serafinowicz's solicitor Nicholas Bowers outside the court after

now be prepared. My client en-tered this country in 1945. Since that time he has been an hooest and hard-working member the first appearance in July

"In his work as a builder and nocent of these charges and a carpenter, he has contributed

considerably to the community for many years.
"He has been aware of the

police investigation for more than two years, and has been un-der considerable pressure in view of the possibility of charges being brought. He is now de-

termined to have these matters brought to trial so that he will have the opportunity to clear his name and to live out the re-

mainder of his years in peace. Mr Serafinowicz's bail conditions require him to live at his

Irish priests may avoid sex abuse rules

ALAN MURDOCH

Irish ministers have warned that it may be extremely difficult to include voluntary and church bodies in planned rules on mandatory reporting of child sex abuse, despite alarm over

the recent spate of revelations involving Catholic clergy. Austin Currie, junior health minister responsible for childcare, said creating regulations to legally compel clergy to report such cases to gardai would have to be very carefully considered".

The issues raised were com-plex, he warned and requiring a priest to diving information.

clergy and others, he stressed.
"If you have information about a crime, you should inform the gardai. This is not something which necessarily Catholic priest appeared in needs to be laid down in procedures or regulations," he

A government spokesman rules were to apply to teachers and social workers, adding to regulations in force since April. Oppositioo parties argued

mandatory reporting should

apply to all those in childcare in voluntary bodies, recognising the clergy's still considerable, if diminished, control of parts of the education and health sectors, among other con-state organisations.

In the Dail, Liz O'Donnell, justice spokeswoman for the Progressive Democrats, asked how senior clergy could justify ending cases with cash pay-ments that left the abusers at large in what were "first and foremost criminal matters".

The justice minister Nora Owen this week confirmed gardai have briefed senior clergy and priests oo how they investigate sex abuse allegations.

a priest to divide information. In one of the most serious obtained dragatic confession cases, the alleged attacks on a would need to care them north-bublin altatopy by Pather examined. The present law Patrick Hughes, the Director of made no distinction between against a prosecution. The priest paid Ir£50,000 to settle civil claims.

Irish cleric to appear in a sex abuse case in two weeks. John McCabe, 43, faced 12 charges told the *Independent* that of indecently assaulting an Enplanned mandatory reporting niskillen schoolboy between rules were to apply to teachers 1979 and 1985. McCabe, who has apportedly left the priest-hold, was remanded oo bail to appear before Omagh Crown Court in November.

Patient shot by 'clown' hitman

A hospital patient was under hospital staff believed the man armed guard last night after becould have come from a kissoing shot by a hitman who. dressed as a clown, hluffed his way into the building with a sawn-off shotgun hidden in a bunch of flowers.

Police would not give any details about a motive for the shooting, which happened as the 26-year-old patient was standing outside his private room at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Essex, where he is being treated for acid burns suffered when he was abducted by two men.

the gunman made a clean getaway. Detective Chief Inspec-tor Wilson Kennedy, leading the inquiry, said: "We are treating this as attempted murder. It was obviously a concerted effort to kill the geotleman."

The gunman is described as white, oft 4in, slim and muscular, with short dark hair. He was wearing a clown's wig, a red nose and a set of fake Dracula teeth wheo he struck at 8.30pm on Wednesday. Detectives said view would be carried out.

gram agency. He asked for directions to the ward where the wounded mao was being treated and gave the patient's name.

The victim has been under-

going treatment at the hospital

a specialist burns unit - since

the abduction in Purfleet, Essex, in August wheo two meo sprayed acid in his face, bundled him into the boot of a car and then dumped him in Dagenham half an hour later. Mr Kennedy said: "After this After shooting the man in the attack, he refused to co-oper-shoulder at point-hlank range, ate with us about the motive. We ate with us about the motive. We hope to speak to him later about this attack." He added:

> plenty of time to have killed him. I can't say why he was shot."
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> The man had not apparently received any threats while in

"When they abducted him they had him for 30 minutes and had

Chris Minett, chief executive of Mid Essex Hospital Trust, said hospital security arrangements had not been breached but a re-

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Court supports crackdown on benefit tourists

homeless nationals from other European Union countries who wish to take advantage of Britain's welfare system received strong backing yesterday in a High Court test case.

Homeless EU immigrants found to have no realistic prospect of finding work and likely to become a burden on the host state "should head home", said Roger Henderson, the deputy judge. He ruled that Westminster

City Couocil acted lawfully wheo officials refused to accommodate two European HIV victims earlier this year. Gaudenzio Castelli, 35, an

Italian, and Jose Tristan-Garcia, 32, a Spaniard, were oot eotitied to benefit from UK laws designed to help the homeless even though they had entered the country lawfully as EU cit-izens, the judge said, At the time the council made

its decision in early summer both meo were unemployed with oo independent means and apparently no prospect of finding work.

As a result, neither had any right under EU law to remain in the UK, said the judge.

The landmark ruling will be welcomed by the Government as it fully supports social secu-rity guidelines established last year to curb so-called "benefit

Hugh McGeever, Westminster's housing demand manager, welcomed the judge's clarification of the law and said it could possibly affect hundreds of EU nationals and local authorities all over the country.

There were up to 12 similar cases in Westminster alooe. Judge Henderson said at the end of the hearing - unofficially estimated to have cost the legal aid fund and the city council at

The Government's policy of least £50,000 - that the case had cracking down on jobless and raised complex legal issues of raised complex legal issues of oational public importance. He gave Mr Castelli and Mr

Tristan-Garcia leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal. West-minster is reconsidering the case of Mr Tristan-Garcia as he has since found a job. Mr Castelli will cootinue to be granted temporary accommodation pending the outcome of

the appeal.

Nick Partridge, chief executive of the Aids charity the Terrence Higgins Trust, said of the decision: "It is disgraceful that a man with a life-threatening illness has been released from hospital only to face life

on the street." The charity had backed the two men's unsuccessful appli cation for a judicial review of the council's refusal to house them. Mr Partridge said: "It is

shocking that councils may no longer have a responsibility for vulnerable, ill people.

This decisioo represents a further erosion by the courts of homeless people's rights to so-cial housing. This is a particularly worrying development for people living with HIV,

for whom a decent home is esseotial." Both Mr Castelli and Mr Tristan-Garcia claimed Westminster Council's refusal to house them was in breach of its statutory duty under the 1985 Housing Act because of their

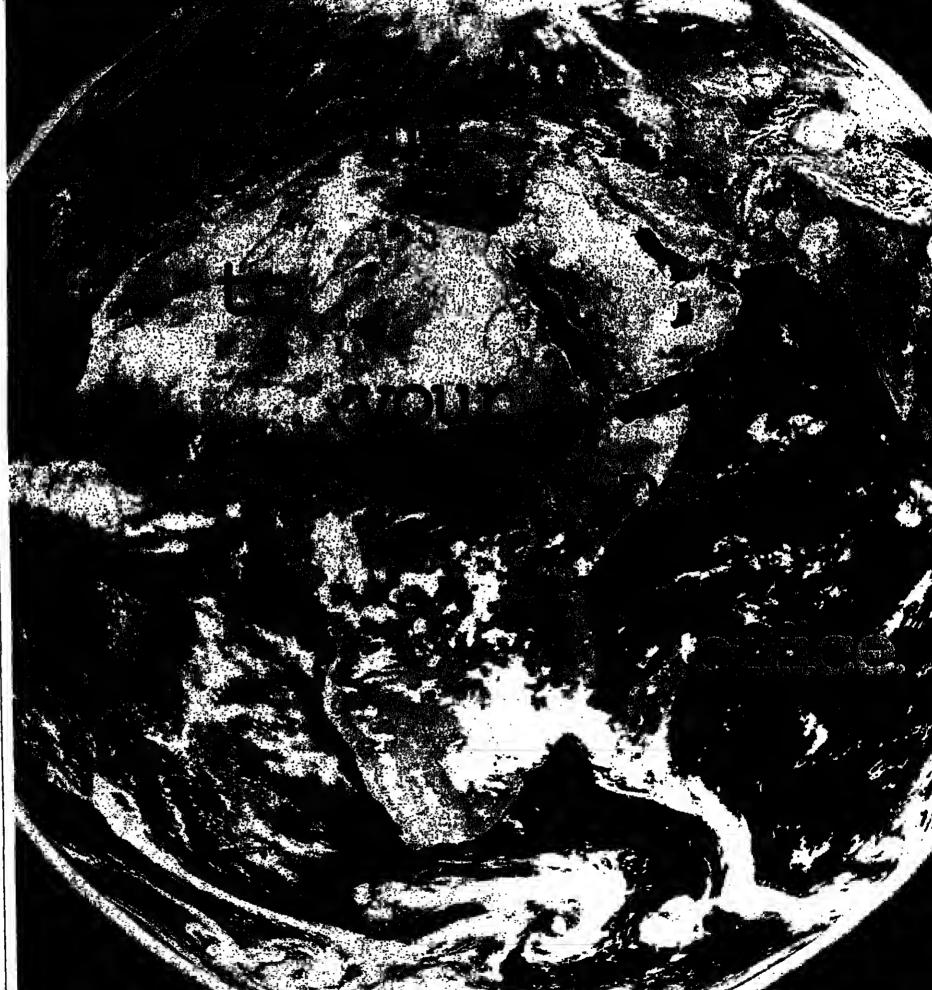
medical condition. Mr Castelli, a flower seller from Bergamo, first arrived in the UK in March 1994, hoping to start a plastic recycling busi-ness in Loodon.

He told the council that he was frustrated by his failure to achieve his ambition, became involved in drug taking, and after his £3,000 capital ran out, lived off his friends and charity from a church. His health deterio-



Cancer breakthrough: Professor David Lane, of Dundee University, studies a genetic sample. The biochemist's discovery of protein p53 – thought to hold the key to a cure for cancer – has earned him the £120,000 Yvette Mayent prize from the Curle Institute in Paris

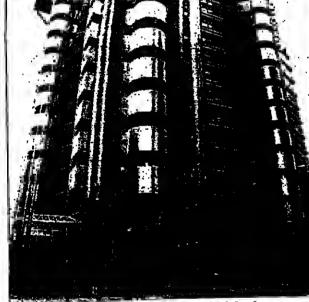
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Needing repairs: the Lloyd's building which is nine years old

Lloyd's in legal moves over rusty pipework

IAN Mackinnon

The pipework gracing the outside of the distinctive Lloyd's insurance building in the City of London is rusting away just nine

years after it was completed.

Managers of the building,
dubbed the "espresso machine" because of its appearance, have instructed solicitors and may begin legal action against the designers or contractors to recoup the cost of repairs.

Bul yesterday the architects, the Richard Rogers Parmership, denied liability and said they would vigorously defeod any legal action, while the consulting engioeers, Ove Arup and Partners, who designed the technical specifications for the pipework, merely said they were aware of the problem. Severe corrosion was dis-

covered in the hot water pipes which power the central heating system of the 12-storey building some time ago and work to replace those affected has been going on for about a month. The hot water pipes seem to be worst affected because of the temperature differential, though Lloyd's management has also begun inspections of the cold water and air-conditioning ducts to es-

tablish if they, too, need repairs. Nick Phillips, Lloyd's general manager, yesterday declined to disclose the likely cost, except to say that it would be expensive. However, he believed

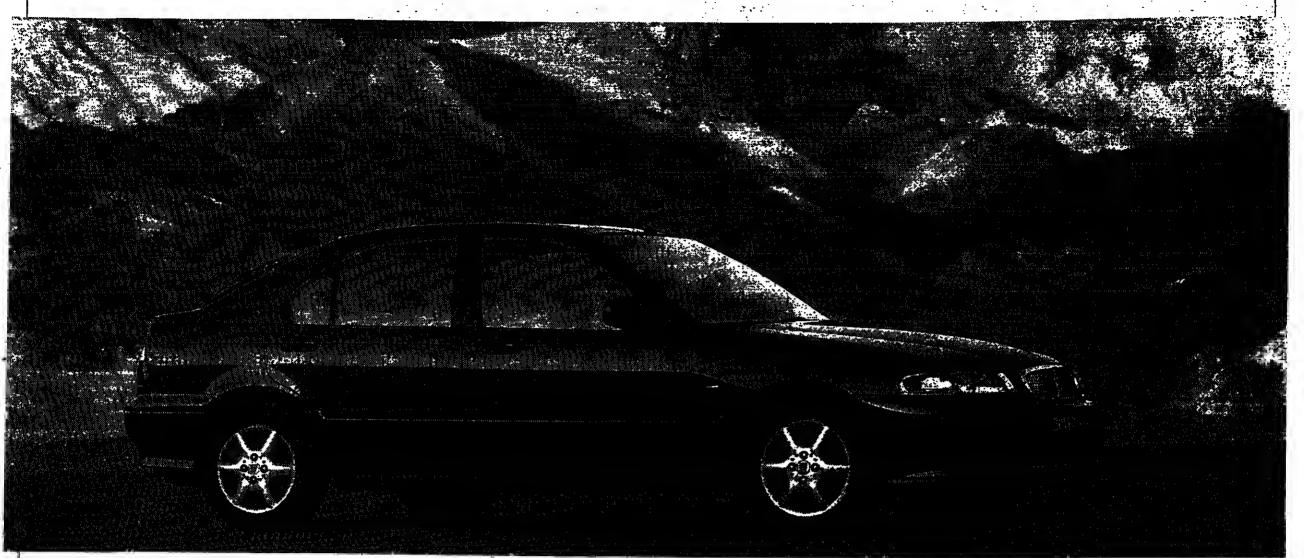
that he would recover all the costs of the repairs to the £187m, award-winning building ooce it had been determined who was responsible. Mr Phillips said that the City

solicitors, Herbert Smith, had been instructed but no writs had vet been issued. He hoped that ultimately the company or companies responsible would "hold up their hand".

Michael Davis, a specialist construction lawyer, said writs were likely to be issued by the end of the year and the damages claimed would he "substantial". He added: "We will be carrying out a full review of all the parties who were involved in the 1986 building to see who could be remotely connected with this failure. Lloyd's intention is that proceedings will be com-menced and I would think that these proceedings are likely to be commenced before the end

Helen Murphy, of Ove Arup, said it was aware of the repairs and investigations, but regret-ted that Lloyd's had adopted an "adversarial approach" to the

Martin White, company secretary to the Richard Rogers Partnership, said: "Investigations are taking place to ascer-tain the cause of the problem. Richard Rogers Partnership do not believe that the problem is a design problem. If proceed-ings are started they will be



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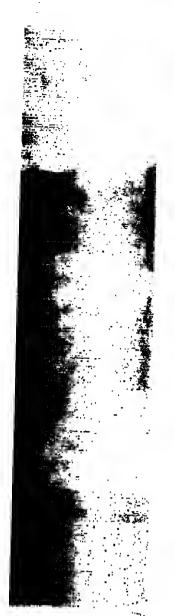
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Briton in murder trial to face new

evidence

YUAY JOSHI Associated Press

Lawyers defending a British fugitive linked to a string of murders across the world suggested yesterday that Singapore police may have botched an investigation into the killing and dismembering of the South African he has confessed to

Lawyers for John Martin Scripps also said they might object to new evidence the prosecution wants to produce on Monday, apparently from Thailand, where Scripps is charged with a double murder. Scripps, 35, is a convicted

drug trafficker and has also been linked to the murder of a British tourist in Cancun, Mexico. In the Singapore High Court

on Wednesday, Scripps admitted killing Gerard Lowe, an engioeer from Johannesburg. But his confession does not

explain how Lowe's headless torso, legs and thighs were found floating in Singapore harbour, packed in black plastic bags. Scripps claims he battered

Lowe with a camping hammer when Lowe made homosexual advances while they were sharing a hotel room oo 8 March. He says Lowe fell on the carpet and bled from the head.

But police witnesses have said there was no trace of blood on the carpet, but only in the bathroom, suggesting that the murder was premeditated.

If convicted, he faces the mandatory death sentence. But if Scripps's story is true, the defence can hope for a re-duced charge of manslaughter that carries a maximum life imprisonment.

On the fourth day of the trial, Edmond Pereira, for the defence, cross-examined two police officers in a bid to show that they did not examine the carpet thoroughly enough to find traces of blood next to the bed where Scripps claims Lowe

The prosecution has built its case so far on the testimony of a British prisoo caterer who taught Scripps butchery skills in 1993 while he was serving a 13year sentence for drug smuggling. He escaped from another low-security prison last year.

A government pathologist testified that Lowe's body parts were cut up professionally, indicating it was dismembered either by a doctor or a veterinary surgeon or a butcher.

The trial was adjourned until Monday for defence lawyers to prepare their case against the purported new evidence that the prosecution has obtained from Thailand.

The evideoce is believed to be linked to the deaths of tourists Sheila Damude, 49, a teacher from British Columbia. Canada, and her soo Darin, 23, in the Thai resort of Phuket. Their bodies were also hacked up in a similar fashioo to

Barnardo's book is one to remember

A book to help terminally ill parents keep a memory bank of happy family life for their children was launched by the charity Barnardo's yesterday.

The "memory book" targets men and women affected by HIV and Aids, and will explain how to keep a library of memories for children and partners to look back on.

The idea follows a Barnardo's report io June which estimated that by 1997, 4,000 young children will have a mother who has tested positive for HIV. Barnardo's workers had al-

ready experienced the worries of parents who did not want their children to remember them solely by the pain and suffering caused by their illness. They believe the new book will offer them pcace of mind. "Not only do children find it

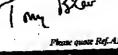
helpful to have these memories, it can be a relief for the parents, because it is fun to do, and they know that they will never be for-gotteo," said Lisa Stacey, a Barnardo's spokeswoman. "The book tells them how to use as many methods as possible, including photographs, scrapbooks, and videos, to record events and feelings

The charity, which held a conference on bereavement services for children in London yesterday, also launched a children's storybook, Selina's Story, about a young girl who tries to cope with her mother's illness. The book is aimed at 4- to 8-yearolds who, it is hoped, will be able to identify with Selina.

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London drivers facing wave of breath tests

All drivers involved in acci-dents attended by police will be breath-tested in a new cruck-down on drink-driving, the Metropolitan Police said yesterday.
The policy, which came into effect yesterday, is being iotro-

duced after a sharp increase in the number of positive breath tests recorded in London. Assistant Commissioner Paul

Manning, responsible for traf-fic policy, said: "Although most people are responsible and don't drink and drive, there's still a hard core of motorists who flout the law and put innocent people's lives at risk. Our message is quite clear - if you have the slightest accideot you are liable to be breath-tested."
A pilot scheme has been op-

erating in south-east London since the beginning of the year. Officers will continue to exercise their discretion in cases where drivers are injured.

An extra 200 breathalyser kits

have been issued to traffic garages and police stations throughout London to put the

new policy into practice. Similar policies have already been adopted by several other

Mr Manning revealed that positive tests in the Metropoltan Police area rose from 8,840 in 1993 to 11,251 in 1994. In the first six months of this year there were 8,057 positive tests.

So far this year around 15 per ceot of those asked to undergo tests had either failed, refused or been unable to provide one. That compares with 9 per cent tast year and 8 per ceol in

Mr Manning said the reasons for the rise were not entirely understood, but it was probable that it reflected both better targeting of offenders by police and changing drinking habits as-sociated with the introduction



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CEASEFIRE IN BOSNIA

Will the deal lead to political settlement

The US needs an end to the fighting, but it may be beyond even their powers argues Michael Sheridan

ceasefire in Bosnia was that it came from President Bill Clin-

The United States is now locked into a timetable of aspirations that it hopes will yield a settlement of the Yugoslav conflict. Presidential prestige, American weight in the Atlantic Alliance and US military force are now all harnessed to the chariot of Richard Holbrooke's peace initiative.

The US envoy, backed uneasily by the Western allies and supported unhappily by the Russians, therefore stands a greater chance of pulling off a peace deal than did any of his

With luck, be will produce for Mr Clinton a piece of paper that could remove Bosnia from the foreign policy crisis list by year's end. But will the timetable work? And, if it does, will the result ensure a political settlement or will it simply install an

"This is not peace," said Marshal Focb of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, "it is an armistice for 20 years."

public from Britain and France over the American effort. But more than one senior official has already mused on the "electoral imperative". In plain man's talk that means the compelling desire of the American administration to banish Bosnia from the headlines before the campaign gets going for the presideotial election next No-vember. To adapt Marshal Foch, what Mr Clinton needs is an armistice for 13 months.

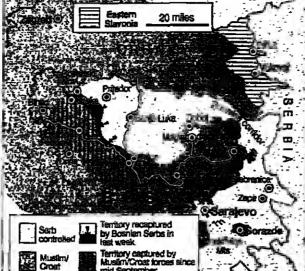
Mr Holbrooke has much to do before confronting such cynics. The ceasefire is not yet achieved. It will come into effect on 10 October only if the Sarajevo government is satisfied that gas and electricity supplies are restored to the Bosn-

The most significant fact about armed peace - Munich to the sign capital. Expect a delay on yesterday's announcement of a Bosnians and Versailles to the that score, accompanied by mu-

tual accusations of bad faith. Fifteen days later, the warring parties are to travel to the United States for "proximity talks". This is an ominous diplo-We can expect no cynicism in matic phrase, reminiscent of the tedious bargaining process that pertained before Israelis and Arabs would sit in the same

room at the State Department. It means that Mr Holbrooke and his team want to perform shuttle diplomacy without air miles. From 25 October they will get all the parties to a latter-day Camp David, to coerce the process onwards. The fruit of such talks is utterly dependent on the level of representation and the mandate accorded to each delegation.

Unfortunately, previous ex-perience of Balkan diplomacy suggests that if the warring sides send only foreign ministers to the 25 October talks, little will be achieved. There would be endless demands to re-



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hoping that he gets the real leaders - Slobodan Milosevic,

Mr Clinton must therefore be

gain advantage.

ay negotiating positions back to ockeying leaderships in Saraevo, Pale, Belgrade and Zagreb.

Then there is the other favourite gambit of "ratification," by which every side can claim its agreement is subject to approval by a national assem- Franjo Tudjman, Alija Izetbebly, every one of which, apart govic and a significant Bosnian



States. He has a 60-day window for action during which hostilities should cease. Even then the nature of Balkan ceasefires re-

mains essentially Lebanese. They are elastic when not merely transient and they often resist definition. Yesterday, for example, we were told that all sniping would end and all pris-oners would be treated with bumanity. Little trust can be reposed in such promises.

So the ceasefire is certain to

process can be strong enough to fire violations. Expect a strenuous effort by the United Nations and Western governments to downplay or cover up incidents that could jeopardise

be breached. The test for Mr Clinton and Mr Holbrooke is the negotiations. Fear makes Sarajevo support plan

EMMA DALY

The Bosman government has finally succumbed to the temp-tations of a ceasefire, not only because of intense pressure from Washington, but for fear of losing, once again, on the battlefield.

Despite the stunning successes of the past two months, in which the proportion of territory held by the Bosnian Serb army has plunged from 70 per cent of the country to around half, the momentum has slowed. The government forces, over-stretched and underequipped, are only just holding the new lines in north-western Bosnia. Recent Serb counterattacks did not regain much ground, and the UN remarked on a notable absence of artillery support from the Croatian forces in the area, whose participation was vital to the suc-

s of the Sedicider offensive. The new front lines more or less fulfil the needs of both sides: in north-western Bosnia, for example, the government has retaken several large towns and pushed the enemy out of range of Bihac. The Serbs have carved out a buffer zone around Prijedor, and kept the government army away from the stronghold of Banja Luka.

Government forces in the area have a strong incentive to agree a truce - the troops are exhausted and need a rest - at least for the short-term. Despite the histers and the casualties taken by the men of the Bosnian Fifth Corps attacking out of Bibac, morale seems high and soldiers are determined to capitalise on their huge gains and push forward. Although crucial issues remain unresolved, the planned opening of a road to the beleaguered eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde should ease pressure on government forces there, and so reduce the urgency of Sarajevo's attacks around Timovo and the Treskav-

ica mountains. This campaign was clearly aimed at securing a corridor to Gorazde.

The advances in the past month are due to a combination of factors: the armour and artillery of a resurgent Croatian Army; the damage done to the rebels' command and control structure by Nato air strikes; the slow and painful construction of something resembling a Bosnian army, and the psychological boost offered by the sight of thousands of Croatian Serbs simply abandoning their homes without a fight, which punctured

the myth of Serb warriordom. But these benefits have slowly worn off. The Croatian Army as Sarajevo knows – could prove the worst enemy if it merely hands the territory won to the ultra-nationalist rightwingers of the putative Bosnian-Croat statelet. Its desire to press the attack may not coincide with that of the Bosnian lieved of a long and tortuous front line, have regrouped. Many government fighters are worn down by the fighting. despite their new boots and

plundered artillery.
The political hattle would also be greatly enhanced if the Bosnian government army and its allies in the Croatian forces could push north and west to threaten the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. Taking the town would almost certainly be far beyond the government's capabilities, but moving well within artillery range would concentrate rebel minds in the nego-

tiations on a post-war Bosnia. That may be the aspiration. But even if the government, with help from the Croats, manages only to hold on to the land won in western Bosnia, the Ozren finger near Maglaj and the Treskavica mountain range south of Sarajevo, it will be in a far stronger position than it can have dreamed of two months ago. And a ceasefire

UN to pull out 9,000 troops

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent and RUPERT CORNWELL

The UN last night announced it was pulling 9,000 troops out of Bosnia and Croatia, reducing its strength there to 21,000; and more withdrawals are likely, UN sources said. Britain and Canada confirmed large troop

withdrawals.

The timing was clearly connected with the US-brokered easelire. There are about 18,000 UN protection force troops in Bosnia, plus another 9,900 in the UN Rapid Reaction Force. Britain bad 8,500 in both forces, France the same, and Canada 2,000.

Last night the Defence Sec-retary, Michael Portillo, confirmed that Britain would be withdrawing 3,300 of the 4,000strong 24 Airmobile Brigade from the Rapid Reaction Force. The MoD said it was a "redeployment", and that the troops would remain under the UN while in Britain, on seven days'

notice to move

of duty ends in November. Other Canadian personnel would remain as UN observers and as part of the air and sea operations over and around Bosnia. Andre Ouellet, the Foreign Minister, said Canadian troops might return as part of a Peace Implementation Force under Nmo command.

As currently envisaged, the Peace Implementation Force (PIF) will total around 60,000 men, of which the US would contribute a third.

Almost certainly it will be under an American overall commander. British officials said Britain's contribution could be a brigade of 5,000-7,000 troops. with a similar sized French con-tingent. Some of the UN forces already in Bosnia would be configured into a Nato operation,

Washington and its main allies seem to be resolving earlier differences over how tu strengthen the Muslim government's army, something the US Defence Secretary, William Perry, believes is vital if there Canada said it would not re- is to be military stability on the place its 850-strong battalion, ground once Nato has left, based at Visoko in central probably after 9-12 months





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Children wave a UN flag as they play in a Sarajevo street during a full in the fighting (left). Whether that brief period of safety becomes a long-term reality for Bosnia could well depend on Nato troops such as the British soldie (right) at an observation

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Paris for a full-dress peace con-

ous abortive conferences, tarnished by its association with the Nato. The UN will provide failed UN intervention in Yu- only a fig-leaf-one of the many

participants will proceed to more to do with symbolism than protocol and it is imporrence.

Geneva, the scene of previflict will be managed by the

coincided with a statement by the UN that 9,000 soldiers will be withdrawn from Bosnia, reducing the force to about 21,000. Those pulling out include Britain's 24th Airmobile Brigade, whose deployment had been blocked by the gov-

they will go as part of a Nato peace implementation force, including US ground troops.

It is usually wise to read the small print in official statements about Bosnia and the rel- the Paris peace conference.

tia. If they go back - and it is a nouncements are those which bigger "if" than many think - assert that the Nato peace force will only arrive after a peace set-tlement has been reached. That means after the successful completion of the 10 October ceasefire, the 25 October talks and The final chapter?

25 August More than 30 people killed and dozens wounded when shell slame into crowded street

30 August Nato launches massive dawn air-strikes on Bosnian Serb targets around Saralevo. It huguest Holbrooke says "road now seems open to serious, substantive negotiations". Russia backs of earlier condemnation of Nato raids,

to respond to Nato dernands to pull big guns back from Sarajevo and open roads. Holbrooke arranges first face to face peace talks between the Bosnian, Croatian and Yugoslavian foreign ministers. 1: September Air-strikes are suspended after more than 800 sorties to give Bosnian Serbs a chance

2 September Bosnian Serb commander General Ratko Miadic leaves talks after 13 hours without giving the UN commander, General Bernard Janvier, categorical assurances that slege of Sarajevo would be lifted. Air-strikes resume.

September Holbrooke, in Geneva, announces preliminary agreement on a unified Bosnian state divided into Muslim-Croat and Serb statelets.

13 September Nato halts air-strikes after Serbs agree to remove most of their

26 September All parties agree to flesh out 8 September deal with outline of constitutional arrangements for a new Bosnian state.

5 October Tha warring factions agree to US-brokered ceasefire effective from 10 October and to full-scale peace talks in Washington beginning bout 25 October.

Little wonder that the British UN commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen Rupert Smith, is preparing for a different set of contingencies. Generals are sometimes accused of planning to fight the last war. Gen Smith has refined the process. His dispo-

levels, the absence of an overall settlement and the extended presence of a smaller on Sarajevo. Much like the status quo, in other words.

sitions envisage a continuation that the UN in Bosnia was all

of hostilities on or about present a matter of bluff. Mr Holbrooke has skimmed so quickly over the Balkan quaemire that it has not yet sucked at his shoes: his agreements are verbal, his understandings matters of honour. The bluff will soon Lord Owen once remarked be called. Only Mr Clinton can

The eight points that spell hope

Text of the ceasefire agreement for Bosnia announced yesterday by President Bill Clinton, as released by the US embassy in Zagreb, Croatia:

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2. The ceasefire will become effective at 0001 hours on 10 October 1995, provided that full Unprofor anthorities. gas and electrical utility service city of Sarajevo; otherwise, the such restoration.

3. In order to allow for the negotiation and the commencement of the implementation of a Peace Agreement, this ceasefire will last for 60 days or until completion of Proximity Peace Talks and Peace Conference, whichever is later.

4. Pursuant to the ceasefire obligation, on the effective date all parties will immediately cosure that all commanders issue and compel compliance with clear orders precluding (a) all offensive operations, (b) patrol and reconnaissance activities forward of friendly positions,

(c) all offensive weapons firings including sniper fire, (d) the laying of additional mines, and (e) the creation of additional barriers or obstacles.

5. Upon the effective date all L. Commencing on the effective date defined in para 2 besure (a) that civilians and prislow, the parties will implement oners will be treated humanely a ceasefire throughout all ter- and (b) that all prisoners of war ritory within the borders of will be exchanged under Uo-

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> fully honour the obligations undertaken through the Geneva Agreed Basic Principles of September 8, 1995, the Framework Agreement of September 14 1995, including (without limiting the generality of the fore-going) the obligation to afford all persons freedom of movement and displaced persons the right to return home and re-

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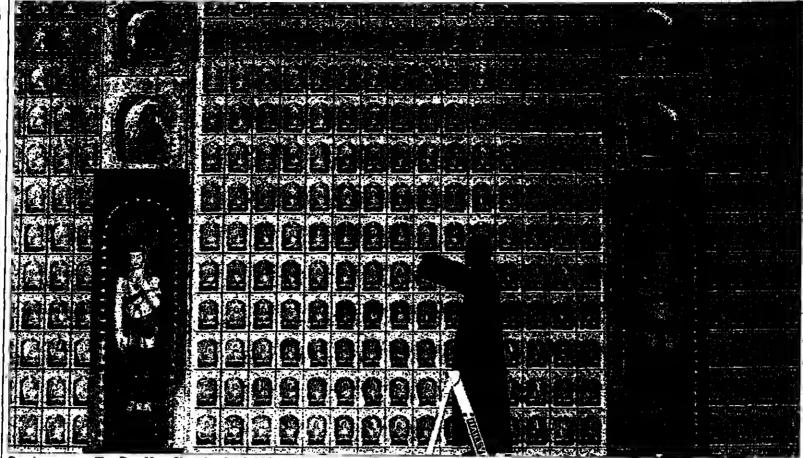
PAULINE JELINEK Associated Press

Nairobi — President Daniel arap Moi refused yesterday to extradite former Rwandan officials living in Kenya who are wanted for trial before an international court on genocide charges.

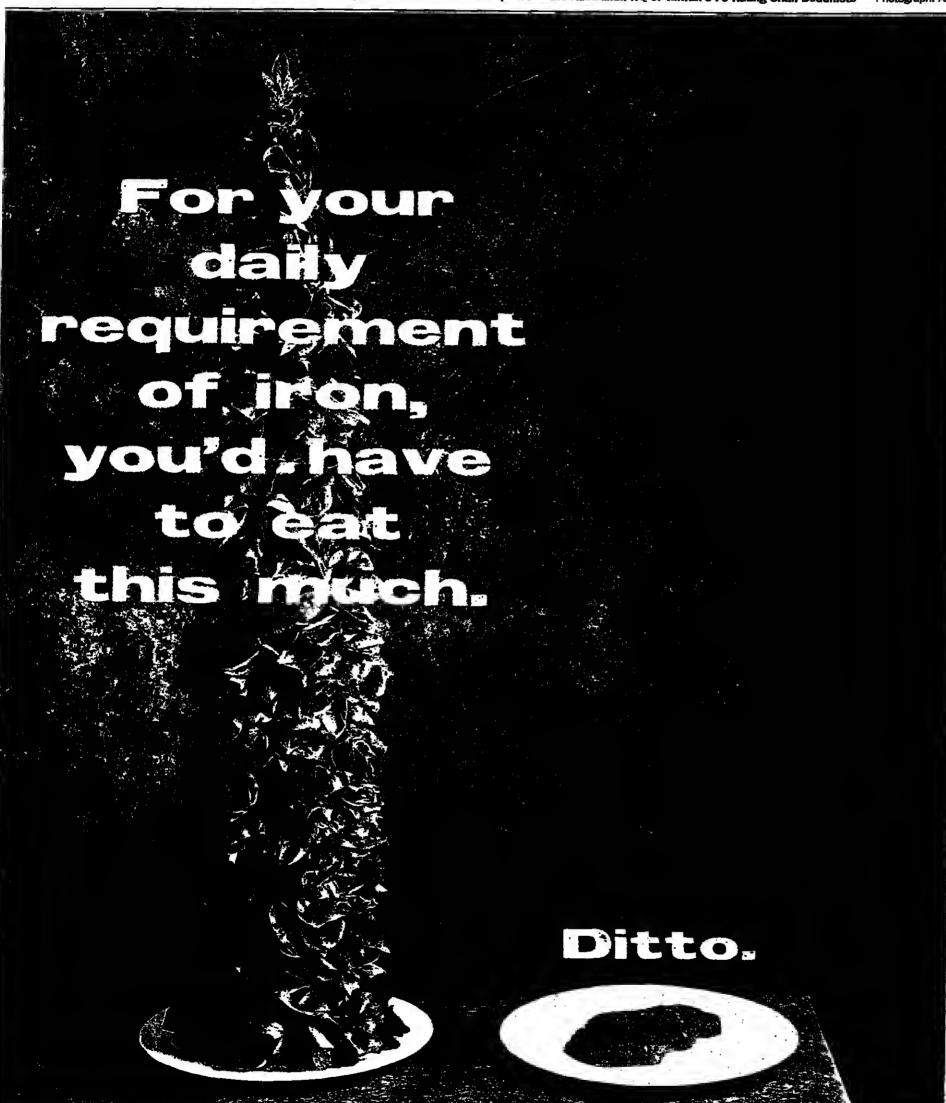
He said that any international officers who try to apprehend suspects in Kenya will be arrested upon arrival.

"It's outrageous," said Rakiya Omaar, of the London-based Africa Rights. She added that Kenya is one of the main countries in the world harbouring suspects from the genocide that killed an estimated 500,000 people, mostly ethnic Tutsis. "Moi [is] making it very clear that these people have complete and total impunity, not only for now but for ever."

Justice Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor of the international tribunal, demanded an explanation in a letter sent yesterday to President Moi. He added that Kenya's position would violate international law.



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A relaxed coup leader surrenders to France

TOM COHEN Associated Press

Moroni — Bob Denard and his two dozen soldiers of fortune surrendered to French special forces and police yesterday, a week after he launched his thands out in the Comoros is-

In driving rain, "Colone!"
Denard was the first to walk out
of military headquarters and undergo a body search by two
French commandos. He appeared relaxed, joking with
French journalists. The commandos then escorted Africa's
most notorious general-for-hire
to a car.

Two of his lieutenants followed and were placed in separate cars. The three vehicles sped to an abandoned airfield near Moroni's harbour, and from there Mr Denard boarded a helicopter for Hahaya airfield, 12 miles north of the city.

He had negotiated with French officers yesterday, agreeing to surrender after being assured his men would not be harmed. "I don't consider myself a prisoner," Mr Denard told journalists as he surrendered. "There are no conditions, there is no surrender ... today it's raining and Comorians are crying."

Mr Denard claimed to have taken over the Comoros to save them from a corrupt president. But one Comorian, Abda Mohamed, smiled as he watched the motorcade go by the harbour. "He's gone. It is good," he said. "Now the French must leave ns alone."

The other mercenaries and

300 Comorian soldiers who had embraced the coup followed Mr Denard out in groups of 10, and were driven away in minibuses. Hours after the French took control on Wednesday, Mr Denard freed Mohamed Djohar, the president he deposed

one week ago, and announced

he was ready to give up on his latest coup attempt. Mr Denard, grey-haired and limping after decades of soldiering, has staged several coups on this poverty-stricken chain of islands between Mozambique and Madagascar, which he ruled through figure-head presidents from 1978 to 1989, when France negotiated his departure. Wednesday's intervention seemed to mark an end to French tolerance for the buccaneering figure who has claimed to have served French interests around Africa.

interests around Africa.

At least three people died and 11 were injured in the dawn assault on Wednesday. The dead included two Comorian soldiers and a motorcycle rider killed by gunfire while transporting a French news

photographer.

The French had demanded Mr Denard's unconditional surrender, saying they had issued an international warrant for his arrest. Prosecutors in France said that he had illegally left the country as they investigated his role in the 1989 death of another Comorian president, Ahmed Abdallah Abderrahmane.

In a radio broadcast on Wednesday, the Prime Minister, Mohammed Caabi el Yachroutou, who hid in the French embassy during the coup, announced an amnesty for all soldiers who supported the uprising.

Opposition groups accuse Mr Djohar of incompetence and corruption and have demanded new elections as soon as possible.

They were unlikely to support

They were unlikely to support the new coalition government Mr Yachroutou announced in a fax sent to France on Wednesday. Mr Denard had been living

Mr.Denard had been living quietly in France since 1993, when he was given a five-year suspended sentence for trying to overthrow the Marxist government of Benin in 1977, He remains under a death sentence in Benin.

This is one issue Juppé cannot duck

A lain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, is getting help in his cost-cutting campaign from an unexpected source: Le Canard Enchaîné. For three months, the satirical weekly will mail free copies to Mr Juppé's home. This follows the Prime Minister's decision to slice the number of his office's

70 subscriptions by two-thirds.

"This is, anyway, much longer than many magistrates and friends of Alain Juppé predict he will stay at [Hôtel] Matiguon [his official residence]," the paper said.

Opinion polls indicate Mr

Opinion polls indicate Mr Juppé's popularity has fallen sharply amid criticism of his economic policies. He faces possible prosecution for ordering a reduction in the rent on his son's city-owned apartment when he was in charge of Paris's finances in 1989-93. Mr Juppé also allegedly made the city pay for 1m francs of renovations on his own flat.

The man who was Mayor of Paris when Mr Juppé was in charge of the finances, President Jacques Chirac, was "mad" and destined to become a global laughing stock, François Mitterrand has been quoted as

Jacques Attali, a top aide of the former President, has just published Verbatim III, his third volume of memoirs of the Mitterrand era. "At heart, this man is mad. He says and does anything," Mr Attali quotes his former boss as saying of Mr Chirac. "He might get elected after me but he would soon be the laughing stock of the world."

Much of Mr Attali's book is devoted to Mr Mitterrand's dislike of his own former Prime Minister, Michel Rocard. "Rocard has neither the capacity nor the character for this post," he said of his 1988-91 Prime Minister. "But since the French want him, they'll get him."

Do politically correct Indonesian houses come in any colour you like, as long as they're yellow? The country's Minister of Information, Harmoko, has been accused of forcing government functionaries to paint everything yellow, the colour of the ruling Golkar's executive board "never ordered Yellow-nisstion"



Alatn Juppé: Suffering a

but it is impossible to prevent members who want to paint their houses yellow," Mr Harmoko told the Antara news agency. The party has been accused of illegal electioneering in ordering people, mostly in central Java, to get busy with the paint brushes.

Mikhail Gorbachev told Reuters news agency in New York this week: "I haven't had a vacation in three years. "It's not important if I like

had a vacation in three years.

"It's not important if I like working or not — it's because I must; I should like to stroll in sunny places and lie on the beach."

Mr Gorbachev, who could be planting potatoes at his dacha — or painting it yellow — is on his aixth lecture and conference tour of the United States since he became a pensioner four years ago.

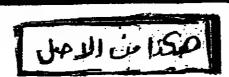
He is still thinking of running for the Russian presidency and is grappling with a problem few politicians ever face: what to do after profoundly changing history.

Mr Gorbachev says his drive

Mr Gorbachev says his drive to keep doing things comes from within. "When I went to school, no one ever sent me, no one ever watched over me," he explained.

"My mother and father did not even know what my grades were, but nonetheless, I finished. It's something nature gave to Gorbachev."

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TIM CORNWELL

The head of the largest pay TV distributor in the United States has refused even to consider screening an interview with OJ Simpson. Hugh Panero, president of Request TV, said somebody has to draw the line", adding such a show would be cynical. "even obscene".

Since Mr Simpson's lawyers have publicly aired the idea, promoters have been itching to get on board. Television viewers would typically pay anything from \$15 to \$50 (£10 to £32) to receive such a programme on satellite or cable. One producer offered publicly to guarantee Simpson at least \$20m (nearly

The mixed reaction in the entertainment industry to the Mr Simpson's acquittal of murdering his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman was one measure of the public dis-

Though the trial of the century was over, the media circus cootinued relentlessly in a massive national talkathon. Gina Rhodes Rossborough, the latest juror to break her sileoce, opened her heart on Oprah

credited police witness, Mark owy figure" seen conside his Fuhrman, revealed he spouted bouse by the chauffeur Allan racial epithets as a boy.

CNN's Larry King Live matched the defence lawyer Johnnie Cochran with an alternate juror, Watson Calhoun, a retired bus driver. That brought a telephone call to the studio from Mr Simpson himself. Slipping past the reporters who surrounded his Brentwood estate, he had earlier been reunited privately with his children: Justin, seven, and Sydney,

Mr Simpson began by paying public tribute to Mr Cochran. But he attacked the prosecutors Marcia Clark and Christopher Darden for their "distortions", and TV trial commentators for

perpetuating them.
"My basic anger is these mis-cooceptions," be said. "Fortuoately for me, the jury listened to what the witnesses said and not Marcia Clark's or Darden's or anyone else's, rendition of what was said." When the show's host pressed him with questions, he said he had to go.

So many times, Mr Simpson said, he weot back to his cell and could oot reconcile what he saw on televisioo with the day's eveots in court.

Park on the night of the mur-ders, but insisted he was simply dropping his bags by the door. There were few voices of

reconciliation heard yesterday, or signs that racial differences on the role of Simpson, racism, and the Los Angeles Police Department had eased. Many hlacks who talked publicly seemed to view the fact that 50 per cent of Americans disagreed with their verdict as a racist insult to the intelligence CNN, have also ruled it out.

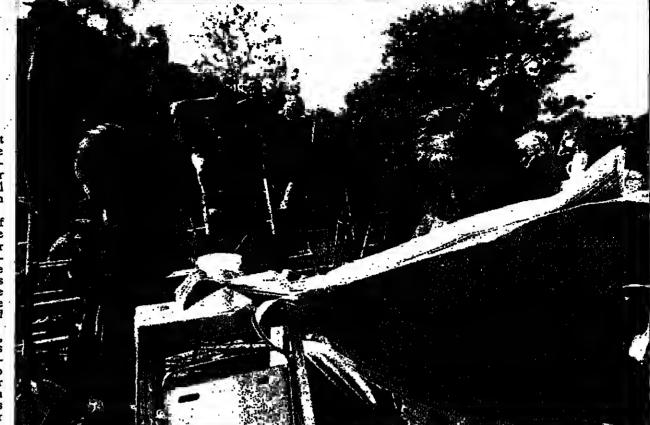
of the black-dominated jury. The decision by Mr Simpson's defence team not to put him on the stand prevented a damaging cross-examination in court. A pay-per-view appearance would offer a sympathetic platform to face the outstanding

It could also more than pay off the reported \$5m (£3m)

mortgage be took out to meet legal fees. It would avoid the need to court sceptical advertisers - the Hertz reotal car company, for one, has said it will

millions in revenues, at least one company is in talks with Mr Simpsoo's lawyers, and Request TV's main rival may be open to a deal. But other giants in the industry, including Time Warner's pay-per-view arm, the Home Box Office channel, and

In interviews, Request's boss, Mr Panero; did oot mince his words. "One person was decapitated, another slashed to death, and two kids will never see their parents again. The idea of any 'special' exploiting this tragedy, regardless of whether Simpson did it or oot, just dis-



Poor blacks in fear of white backlash

The right is already reaping the harvest of a 'political' verdict, writes John Carlin

Washington — There is a whiff You've had your day in the sun, of white backlash in the air since the not-guilty verdict in the OJ Simpson trial. Jesse Jackson says his office in Washington has been inundated with hate calls, so does a black church minister in Los Angeles. Radio talk show hosts say they have been besieged by angry white callers. Even white liberals have been outraced by what they see as a

gross miscarriage of justice. As for Mr Simpson himself once the party's over he will look around him, glance at the security guards protecting his home 24 hours a day and contemplate the thought that while he escaped jail he will be a prisoner for the rest of his days of the fear that a deranged white man will gun him down.

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The spur to white indignation has been the feeling that for many and the feeling that for many as not a murder that but a political trial, that the source is nine of them black which is honnie Cochrao. Mr. posolis lawyer, at his word and used the verdict to send a message to the white establishment, to the forces of law and order, that they were sick or racial discrimination. The point was not whether Mr Simpson had alter-The spur to white indignation whether Mr Simpson had after-dered his wife, the point was and black people have been say ing as much - to get him off.

Chris Darden: Prosecution lawyer faces death threats

As if to underline the point, one juror gave a hlack power salute in the courtroom after the verdict was announced; another said he had been convinced even before the trial began that Mr Simpson was innocent. One former black member of the jury who stepped down halfway through the trial said the verdiet "was a great day for African

Americans". On hearing the verdict on The day a throng of law students in a hall at Washington's allblack Howard University jumped up in celebration, cheering and dancing in scenes reminiscent of Soweto when Nelson Mandela was released from prison. Such is the significance the trial has acquired that Chris Darden, the black prosecution lawyer, has been accused of being an Uncle Tom. He has received death threats and been

forced to hire bodyguards. The question now is what form, if any, a white backlash will take. Already it is possible to detect in white people the at-titude that with Tuesday's triumph the slate of historical injustices endured by blacks has been wiped clean. "OK.

you've savoured your moment of liberation," is a prevailing white view. "Now the playing field is finally level. So stop whining and stop asking for special favours."

One thing that can be confidently expected is that the Republican impetus to stamp out affirmative action and cut welfare spending for the poor w gather oew energy - and possi bly new allies. Proposals for tougher laws to protect "victim's rights", a catchword of the US right, will generate a wider appeal among the voters of Mid

For few people are under any illusioo that when politicians talk about fighting crime, they mean black crime: figures re leased this week revealed that oo any given day one in three black Americans in their tweoties find themselves under the supervisioo of the criminal justice system. It has been a long established fact that while blacks make up 12 per cent of the national population, they make up more than 50 per ceot of the prisoo population.

Complaints that these figures illustrate the institutional discrimination to which black people are subject in America will now fall oo ears even more deaf

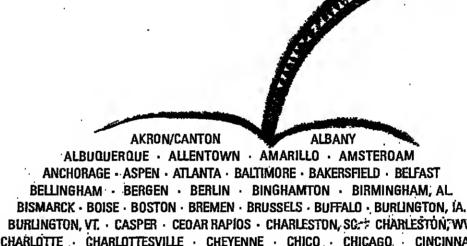
The price of OJ's triumph may be high for black Americans. Some are beginning to re-alise this. A public defender in Los Angeles said yesterday that there was a great deal of foreboding among ber colleagues. Public defenders are the lawyers provided by the state to people who cannot afford to pay millions of dollars, as Mr Simpsoo did, for a legal "dream team". In other words, the vast majority of Americans who pass before the courts depend oo public defenders for their freedom, and often for their lives.

"Already our clients have the odds stacked heavily against them," said the Los Angeles public defender, who did not wish to be named. "We're now bracing ourselves for tougher laws; tougher juries, if they happen to be white; and humiliated cops out to get

revenge.

The laws in California are already tough enough. Within 20 minutes of the Simpson verdiet being delivered a black drug addiet stood in another Los Angeles court awaiting sentence for possession of crack cocaine. This was his third conviction. California has recently introduced a law known as "three strikes and you're out' - meaning that after a third conviction the authorities lock you up and throw away the key. The black addict received a sentence of 25 years - the same as Mr Simpson would have received had he been found guilty.

Three strikes and you're out" is sure now to generate a stronger appeal than ever in states beyond California, And it is blacks who will suffer the worst of the consequences. Poor blacks - not rich blacks like Mr



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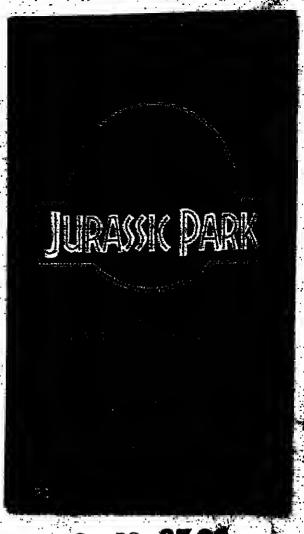




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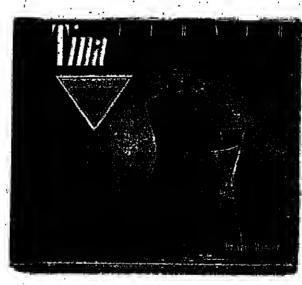
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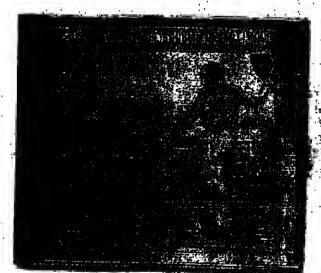
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Vegas and the Luxor Hotel, you regress into a child-like state where anything seems possible Photograph: Eric Sander

New York

The Pope stood before the General Assembly of the United Nations yesterday and called on the organisation to transform itself into a "family of nations" that fosters greater equality and mutual trust between its members. Scaling a new bond between

the Vatican and the UN, John Paul II spent several hours at the organisation's New York headquarters, conferring with the Secretary-Geoeral, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and acknowledging the adoration of hun-dreds of cheering staff members. The Secretary-General and his wife presented a medallion to the

Pope, who m turn gave them

small boxes with rosary beads. The visit to the UN, during which he also said prayers before a memorial to UN workers who have died carrying out their duties around the world, was billed by the Vatican as the centrepiece of the Pootiff's five-day trip to the United

States, which will include a huge open-air mass in Central Park, New York, tomorrow and conclude with a visit to Balti-

'family of nations'

The Pope calls on

UN to be a real

more oo Sunday. In a philosophical and often dense address to the assembly, the Pope suggested that because of changing cooditions around the world - in which freedom is threatened by extreme nationalism and the continuing in-equality of the developing South and the industrialised North - the UN should be primarily concerned with resolving

The UN, he declared, oceds to "rise more above the cold status of an administrative institution and to become a moral centre where all the oations of the world feel at home and develop a shared awareness of being, as it were, a family of

Underlining the threat represented by extreme nationalism and religious fundamentalism what he called the "fear of differeoce" between different

groups - he warned that they can "lead to a true nightmare of violence and terror". As examples, he cited the recent conflicts in former Yugoslavia and central Africa. Bosnia was a central top-ic of the Pope's meeting with Mr

Boutros-Ghali. Without offering prescrip-tions, the Pope indicated that the UN should uodertake internal reforms to meet the responsibilities he sees for it. "This is the high road which must be followed to the end, eveo if this involves appropriate modifications in the operating model of the United Nations.

Echoing the complaints long expressed by developing countries in the UN that their needs have been pushed aside by the larger nations, and particularly by the five permaneot members of the Security Council, the Pope added: "In an authentic family the strong do not dommate; instead, the weaker members, because of their very weakness, are all the more welcomed and served."

VEGAS DAYS

eighth wonder

I was standing in the lobby of I might not have noticed that my hotel eavesdropping on a conversation between two camels. One was called Jody. The other Elias. "Boy!" said. Elias. "It was a long walk from Egypt but it sure was worth it!" It certainly was," gushed Jody. "In fact, the Luxor Hotel is the eighth wonder of the world!"

It is not often that you find yourself in agreement with a camel, but the moment you set eyes on Las Vegas you regress room - reassuringly mundane into a state of child-like wonder save for the hieroglypics on the where absolutely anything cupbound and sought comfort seems possible. On the first the comfort had read Hunter S So immigrated yet, suddenly, Thompson's Fear and Louising so far away. I turned off the LS. in Las Vegas: a savage journey to the heart of the American Dream. Thompson arms himself for the expedition with a suitcasefull of psychedelic drugs but dis-covers upon arrival that the precaution has been redundant, that Las Vegas itself is one

giant hallucination. For myself, all I can say is that life up to this point had failed entirely to prepare me for Las Vegas's newest creation, the Laxor Hotel, a giant pyramid of black glass guarded by a sphinx

inscrutable: A

with a nose job and bright blue eyes. The sphier stands air floors high, the pyramid 36. Each of the four sides of the pyramid's base is twice the length of a football pitch.

I went through the glass doors and found myself inside the biggest indoor space in the world. As my guide on the Nile River Cruise would later inform me, you could fit nine jumbo jets in here and still have space left for a couple of hundred slot machines. It was like a city turned inside out. The 2,526 rooms were contained within the pyramid's inner layer, the structure supporting the black glass exterior. Looking up I saw rows and rows of doors on open ter-races rising, in diminishing dimensions, to the conical roof.

An obelisk rose high from the middle of the casino floor, a jangling inferno in fuchsia and magenta where percede grand-mothers fed battalions of hungry slot machines. To one side of the reception desk, an airport check-in counter 70 yards long operated by people in grange suits, I spotted Jody and Elias. They looked real. They were tall and furry. They moved their necks up and down and their lower mandibles from side to side. They blinked and wagged their tails. Had they not spoken

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their bodies, between the base of the neck and the base of the tail, were inext. In a photograph

you could not tell the difference, I went up to my 15th-floor room in an "inclinator" with a mirror for a ceiling and emerged rather woozily to discoverthat I was peering at the top of New York's Chrysler Building, King Kong was clinging to the spire. I fled to my

and looked out on to a mountain moonscape. For an instant I wondered if it was made of ye-Next morning I went for breakfast to the Pyramid Café.

(I wasn't quite ready yet for Tut's Hut, Nefertiti's Lounge and the Sacred Sea Restaurant.) On the menu was a dish called Pharaoh's Phavourite, of "delicious chicken fried steak smothered with country gravy and two eggs any style, served with hashbrowns and toast. I decided to settle for the Eggs Benedict Cheops.

Then I went for the cruise on

the Nile. Me and 15 others on a barge with a guide in a safari suit who warned us as we stepped aboard that the Goddess Isis had issued a com-mandment forbidding smoking. Propelled along 300,000 gallons of water by a man-made current, we circumnavigated the interior of the pyramid. "To our right is the Valley of the Kings," said the guide, pointing to a mural, "and just ahead, to our left, Rameses III on a chariot. Mysterious music filled the air. We turned a bend and on the shore, through a mist, saw a mi-rage: a damsel in a Cleopatra-wig performing a silent belly dance. We blinked and she was gone. Then into a turned where more mysterious music filled the air. Men wearing white hand-kerchiefs on their heads were

playing flutes and small drums.
I could have spent a month sampling the wonders of this adult Disneyland. Among the things I managed to see were the futankhamun's Tomb museum, which contained replicas of 3,000-year-old cats with golden coats and turquoise claws; the hotel souvenir shop where, they sold do it yourself "How to make a mummy" books, amethyst pyramids "Made in Mexico" and, for \$45,000, a sarcophagus made in the year 2000 BC; and Pharach's Theatre, where an ice show was playing to packed houses of Middle Americans in shorts.

On the way out to the airport, I paused to bid my last farewell to the camels. They were still nattering away. "I know the names of the imbutaries of the Nile?" said Elias. "You do?" said Jody. "Yep!" "I'm proud of you Elias. What are their names?" "They are called the

I stepped out into the bright desert similght and set off on the long trip back to adulthood and the real world.

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Nation ruled by its divisions

The desk and tables are covered with chrome executive toys. Downstairs in his garage, Alhaji Lema Jibrilu keeps an even more impressive collection of playthings: shining Mercedes and four-wheel-drives.

Mr Jibrilu, a former presidential candidate, is a member of Nigeria's northern establishment, a man of wealth, influence and friends in high places. He is the archetypal oga or Big Man. His ante-room is filled with a constant stream of petitioners and favour-seekers.

His home - all white marble aod gleaming gilt – is in Kaduna, built by the British early in the century as capital of the northern region. Kaduna is noticeahly eleaner than other Nigerian cities and there are imposing villas on the outskirts.

Mr Jibrilu denies belonging to the city's "mafia", a clique of northern power-brokers which many southerners believe dominates Nigerian politics. It may be - as Mr Jibrilu insists - a myth, but it is, nonetheless, a po-

There is no denving the influence of the north on Nigeria's political stage. Maybe "stage"

David Orr goes to Kaduna to meet one of northern Nigeria's 'big men'

is not the appropriate word here for, under the military regime, the business of government is cooducted far hehind the scenes. Notions of public accountability do not figure in the thinking of the Provisional Ruling Council which has been in control for nearly two years and which, it was announced at the weekend, is set northern virtue and supremacv. at least for another three.

Soon after seizing power in the wake of the annulled presidential election in 1993, General Sani Abaeha set about dismantling all democratic institutions, and arrested and detained journalists, memhers of the opposition, and civil rights

The Abacha regime is the latest in a long line which centres on the north, home of the Hausa-Fulani ethnic group and cradle of Nigeriao Islam. Only three out of 10 leaders since independence in 1960 have come from the Christian south. The Yoruba of the south-west and the Ibo of the south-east have long felt themselves disenfranchised by oorthern po-

litical commation. Mr Jibrilu is far from being an apologist for the Abacha power by force. He hoped for a shorter transition period to democracy than three years, but is unapologetic in championing

The politicians from the

north are more dynamic in their approach", he said. "Southerners are lazy. They just want the presidency on a golden platter." There is no irony in his smoky voice. He sets little store by the fact that Chief Moshood Abiola, a Yoruba and a Muslim, is believed to have won the 1993 election which, as soon as the results became clear, was annulled by the then military ruler, General Ibrahim Babangida. Mr Jibrilu has oo sympathy for Chief Abiola, who has been in jail since last year for proclaiming himself President in defiance of the ruling

council and who faces a charge

be held until 1998.

Mr Jibrilu is intolerant not only of pushy would-be presidents but of southern politicians who have been jailed for opposing the dictatorial regime of General Abacha. "There is oo infringement of human rights in Nigeria", he insisted. "The prodemocracy movement is oothing but a gang of tribalists and anarchists." His stern views are not representative of all the north, for there are moderate voices here as well. But they are

"Northerners regard southerners as people they doo't know well enough to trust with their fate", said Adamu Cironni, another Kaduna oga and a minister in the Abacha government until he was sacked earlier this year. The Yornba and the Ibo are seen to be divided and

indicative of a perspective

which sees the south as divisive

Ciromu knows that the ruling council had no option but to accept the proposals of a governmeot-sponsored constitu-

legislative elections are not to tion of the presidency between north and south General Abacha has taken the recommendation further, and, from October 1998, six key positions, including those of presi-dent and prime minister, are to be rotated among six oewly created zones over a 30-year trial period. Whether this represents a victory over northern dominance remains to be seen. Chief Abiola's constituency is not just among the Yoruba of the south-west. His Muslim faith gave him national appeal

> For the time being, the primacy of the oorth remains an unescapable reality, deeplyrooted in political tradition. It was fostered by the British colonial policy of divide and rule, and was continued after independence by leaders who put the interests of their region before those of the federation.

- and a majority in the north.

Perhaps most significantly, the north is the power-base of the military. And Nigerians are only too aware of the military rulers who have failed to deliver oo their promises of a return



Hidden treasure: Divers in an inflatable raft assist a crane at the port of Alexandria as it lifts a 2,000-year-old Greek statue of a woman's torso in red granite from the sea bed. Archaeologists hope to soon bring to the surface parts of the white marble

IN BRIE!

Weakening Hurricane Opal kills two

Fort Walton Beach - The tail-end of Hurricane Opal tore through the US South, claiming two lives, as residents of Florida's Panhandle began the clean-up from the third hurricane to strike them this season. Opal weakened to a tropical depression by late morning, moving north after its Wednesday evening landfall, down from peak sustained winds of more than 150 mph. But wind and rain remained a threat and gale warnings were in effect.

Israeli right vents anger against Rabin

Jernsalem — Thousands of right-wing Israelis protested against the Jewish state's peace deal with the PLO yesterday as the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, tried to win approval for the accord in parliament. Angry demonstrators lined the streets in downtown Jerusalem holding torches and shooting "Rabin drop dead; we don't want you any more."

Amnesty man barred from China

London — An official of Amnesty International said he was barred from entering China for an international conference on corruption, despite having an official invitation. "We can only interpret it as punishment for Amnesty International's outspokenness at the Peking women's conference," said Nick Howen, Amnesty's director of legal and international organisations. Mr Howen, an Anstralian citizen, returned to London.

Car bomb kills nine at Algerian hotel

Paris — A car bomb exploded in a parking lot at Les Deux Palmiers hotel in Draa Ben Khedda in Tizi-Ouzou province, 55 miles east of Algiers, killing nine people and wounding 19, an official Algerian statement said.

Key ministers named in Portugal

Lisbon - Antomo Guterres, whose Socialist Party won general elections in Portugal after a decade of rule by the Social Democratic Party, named four key ministers - Jaime Gama, foreign minster, Antonio Sousa Franco, finance minister, Daniel Bessa, head of a new "super-ministry" in charge of industry, trade and tourism, and Antonio Vitorino, defence and presidency minister. Reuter

End of the line for 'Thelma and Louise'

Toronto — Five months after jumping \$500,000 hail in Houston two Americans known as "Thelma and Louise" have been arrested in Toronto. Joyce Carolyn Stevens, 31, and Rose Marie Turford. 36, wanted on charges of kidnapping and robbery, were held after police received an anonymous tip. Later, they were seen laughing in an immigration department car en route to a city detention centre. They were dubbed "Thelma and Louise" after the 1991 film of that name about two young women who go on a crime



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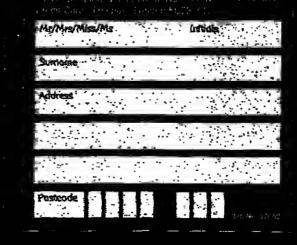
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SCHOOLS

- Technology in Britain's 54,711 schools is patchy: few have independent links to the internet. So BT's information superhighway
- would be invaluable. Children from around the world could work together on science or Sartre.

COLLEGES

- Students would benefit from BT's technology, but most scatteriles in Britain's 139 universities and colleges of higher education are already on-line with a system named Janet - the Joint Academic
- Network. Janet is a government-funded. system which links academics workwide.
- SuperJanet has now been launched; a bigger and better multi-media version of Janet, BT's superhighway may seem slightly

LIBRARIES

- The 1995 Public Library Review recommended that the nation's. 4.363 libraries should be connected to the information superhighway.
- Libraries have their own community information modules and PCs. linking to the Internet. But the BT network would offer more extensive information to the public and would connect libraries nation-
- On-line interactive courses, based on the Open University model, would be available: computers would "teach" library users.

HOSPITALS

- 1,600 hospitals throughout Britain want access to SuperJanet and are wortled that BT's network may be econd class
- An NHS-wide network comparable with BT's superhighway - was scheduled for launch this autumn but has been
- delayed. Hospitals are determined to update their technology whether or not a Labour government comes to



BT'S ROLE

- it would cost BT an estimated £15th to create a high-
- capacity nationwide superhighway.
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- and colleges would then be nominal.
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increasingly controversial deal. By giving in to BT's loud and long lohbying, and promising to allow the telephone giant into entertainment broadcasting by 2002 at the latest, Labour says it can meet its prime objectives in the development of an information superhighway: guaranteed access for schools, libraries, universities, hospitals and local authorities, provided free of charge by BT.

The aim, say Labour's young technocrats, is to avoid the creation of an information elite, able to pay for the privilege of mem-bership in the information society. and an information ghetto, cut off from the network.

The goal is landable but the method faulty. For a start it is oddly (and uncombortably) read inscent of the method faulty. The winner strategy that won known with the strategy that we will be strategy the strategy that won the strategy that we will be strategy the strategy that we will be strategy that we will be strategy the strategy that we will be strategy t ntion? Admitpany of interna-tion, and provide many of about real supporters th n can -

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we be about the deal as it now stands? After all, since the Labour have It leader Tony Blair made his first reference to the agreement, at the party conference on Tuesday, the spin doctors have been hard at work. Already the issues look far less clear than first reports might bave suggested. It is worth remembering two

things. First, Labour has stated openly since the summer that it was minded to see restrictions on BT lifted, allowing the company to offer broadcasting across its own network. This week's announcement, then, could hardly have

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The changing face of Labour corporatism

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George Brown, Labour's deputy leader, pioneered partnership between government, employers and unions. Department of Economic Affairs created to co-ordinate national plan, which set out industrial sector growth targets. Ministry of Technology backed hitech British champions. Government encouraged mergers, such as creation of British Leyland. Steel renationalised. Post Office turned

into a state corporation. Tripartism than with previous Labour governments, but would have some any policy in 1966 to stave off bal-say in the setting of the rate for the ance of payments crisis.

1974-79: the social contract states high inflation encouraged Government to co-operate with He would regulate monopolies, unions to implement incomes poipay restraint matched with gen-grous tax treatment of low-paid. Piomecial penalties threatened against employers who broke pay norms, controls placed on prices. Social contract broke down in 1978-79 winter of discontent. Aerospace, shipbuilding and Brit-ish Leyland nationalised. National Enterprise Board, state quango, bought stakes in companies.

1997?: the broker state: Tony Blair is presiding over a big change in Labour policy. Unious would have much less influence

This week Mr Blair indicated an

important strategy would be to broker deals with industry leaders. clawing back windfall utility taxes sive. He would also secure concessions from big industry as the price of a licence to operate in certain markets. The "broker state" would, for example, ensure pub-lic institutions were linked to the information superhighway in exchange for BT being allowed to break into television broadcasting. Given high levels of govern-

ment spending and control over health, education, social security and defence, there is plenty of further scope for brokered deals.

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customers get television signals, of course. But they can also get broadband links to the Internet, video conferencing, remote med-

ical diagnosis - in short, everything that BT is promising. Whether Labour or the Tories win the next election, the market for entertainment broadcasting is inevitably going to he opened up to all-comers. Movies, sports and other light programming are perhaps the only sure-fire software capable of driving network develapplication" - as satellite company BSkyB has so conclusively proven drive satellite dish sales. If they are to supply the worthy services, providers will want to sell us the

popular offerings too. But if that is the case, then why should BT be forced to wait? Why not allow everyone to pile in imme-diately, as soon as a Labour government is elected (or even, if the Torics can be convinced to change their minds, right now, under the present government)?

Labour will concede the answer. Cable operators launched their network building on the understanding they would be protected from BT's might for at least several

years. As the experience with Mercury, the second telephone service provider, attested, it is extremely difficult to contain the might of a monopoly - public or private. Cable, on the other hand, has been stealing 50,000 phone customers from BT every month, using lower prices and more flexible services as the bait - proof that regulation can enhance competition.

It is patently unfair to change the rules in mid-game, Cable operators sold shares to investors on the understanding that BT would be kept out of the entertainment market until at least 2001. Changes to that approach without close consultation with those affected, would seriously undermine investor confidence in the sector, and jeopar-

dise its continued funding. BT is keenly interested in having a precise timetable and less concerned (within reason) about exactly when it will be free to enter the now restricted market. It opment - the so-called "killer is the uncertainty about future regulation that most bothers BT management.

lly, if there is to ne one market for telecommunications and broadcasting, with companies from either sector able to compete, then the current regulations are not enough. Rather than an Oftel for telephony and an Independent Television Commission for broadcasting, Labour is surely on the right track with its suggestion of an Offcom, an office to deal with all the competitive issues arising from the construction of an information super-

highway. The lesson? Fair regulation, consistently applied, must be better than stitch-ups in hack rooms.

Wilkes has been spending the past week as an "observer" at the Labour Party conference in Brighton, which concludes today with a rabble-rousing speech by John Prescott, and a choir. The New Labour leadership has been delighted by the success of its strategy to disprove the Philip Gould memorandum (suggesting the party was unfit to govern) by making this one of the dullest conferences since the bomb at the Grand Hotel. The leadership thought its cup would run over when it read that Arthur Scargill was contemplating leaving the party to form an Old Socialist Labour Party However, the general joy was cut short by Dennis Skinner. The Beast of Bolsover went across to Tony Blair on the platform yesterday morning to break the news of the favour he'd done for the Labour leader. "Tve stopped Arthur Scargill leaving the party..."

For once, the beatific smile was wiped off Mr Blair's face.

Wilkes has been sharing oysters with Nicholas Bodgen, the Tory MP for Wolverhampton South West, and Jerry Hayes, the Tory MP for Harlow. both also in Brighton as Labour conference observers. Perhaps it was the oysters, but Wilkes has been feeling like he had fallen into Alice Through the Looking Glass: all that was Right is Left and vice versa. Thus Mr Hayes has been telling his friends in the media that he has been attending the conference "as the token leftie". And Roy Hattersley was transformed from right-wing traditionalist into the

darling of the Labour rank and file. But Wilkes is happy to report that some things never change. Roy celebrated his personal triumph at the conference in fine style, dining in full view of the dispossessed in the window of Wheeler's Fish Restaurant in the Lanes.

Wilkes was invited as a guest of honour to the Brighton Races with Tony and Cherie Blair, John Prescott and Mr Prescott's delightful wife, Pauline, who knows a thing or two about racing, being a regular at Doncaster, another course run by the Labour local council. Wilkes decided to put his shirt on Navel Gazing. Mr Prescott advised against it. "We don't go in for navel gazing any more," he said. Needless to say, Navel Gazing romped home, and Wilkes collected £50 in winnings.

Kevin Keegan's meeting with Tony Blair on Monday had the Labour leader's aides beside themselves with glee. The Newcastle United manager, whose boss is John Hall, a friend of John Major, came as close as he dares to endorsing the Labour leader by describing Mr Blair as "a breath of fresh air". Then he played a blinder by agreeing to a

photo-opportunity for Kev and Tone to play head-tennis with a football. Just as the Blair Babes were saying "The boy done brilliant", Kev scored a bit of an own goal by asking for legislation to limit the price of football stadium tickets for fans travelling to away matches, to no more than they would be charged at home. This



Game of skill: Tony shows Kevin how

ingenious Keegan Bill would mean Geordies would pay £15 to see their team at Tottenbam instead of £25. But it was too interventionist for the Blair camp. "Sounds like old Labour to me," said one senior Blair adviser. I don't think Mr Keegan is going to be consulted on policy in the future. He's too left-wing.

As Tony Blair looks younger, leaner and fitter, Gordon Brown, the Shadov Chancellor, is looking beefier than ever. Perhaps Wilkes has discovered the reason. The Shadow Chancellor has been so much in demand for dinner with the backs, he has been doubling up. Startled hosts have been told that Gordon has to leave sharp at 8.30 _ because he has a second dinner. He is now known as "Two Dinners" by the media.

The passage of the Blair speech on Tuesday which won the biggest ovation was the well-crafted jibe at the Tories for wrapping themselves in the Union Jack while tearing to shreds the fabric of Britain. The author was Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's press secretary and former political editor of Today. Diligent readers may have spotted it used once before, in one of his columns for that newspaper.

Wilkes hears that Mr Campbell and his young turks also drew up a list of jokes for the Blair speech, including the Cantona crack about kicking Tories in the teeth. Mr Prescott, the deputy leader, was invited to take his pick of some of the lines they could not fit in, but firmly informed the inner sanctum that he did not want any cast-off jokes for his closing speech today, thank you very much. Honest John is quite capable of thinking up his own.

Joy Johnson, the Labour leadership's press person in charge of rebutting false ramours had to rebut one about herself yesterday. Rumours even reached Conservative Central Office that she had threatened to resign after a tiff with Alastair Campbell about his gaffe in sending a fax to complain to the BBC about using OJ Simpson before the Blair speech on the TV news. All got up by the press, she said.

Wilkes will be joining the media caravan when it moves on to Blackpool this weekend for the Conservative Party conference. There, Conservative High Command will be pulling out all the stops to show that the party is united again.

And the buzz around media bunker at Brighton is that the key social event of the week will be the return of Lord Archer's party. Yes, Jeffrey The resumption of the late-night supper party hosted by Lord Archer suggests that all is well again in the heart of the Major camp. But Wilkes

can advise those seeking to gatecrash

Would you party with this man?

the VIP floor at the conference botel that the best-selling author has what is known in the club husiness as a strict "door policy". Only Fleet Street's finest are admitted, and he is pretty choosy about the Conservatives be invites for Krug and shepberd's pie at

Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, has decided to follow the example set by the spoilsport organisers of the Last Night of the Proms, at which John Major shared a box with the BBC's John Birt. The Conservative Party conference agenda carries the following warning: "Balloons - under no circumstances can balloons be taken into the conference hall." Wilkes has no intention of letting such donr, unpatriotic exhortations spoil his conference fun, you can be sure.



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Labour dials a wrong number

Labour is losing its competitive edge.

Mr Blair's British Telecom "deal",
announced on Tuesday, was extremely ill
advised. Whether an exchange of favours between a putative future government and a monopolistic business, or simply a gim-micky spin for conference on a sensible regulatory change. Mr Blair has sent a worrying signal to the British consumer. It looks, on first sight, like a neat idea. Give BT access to new markets, and in

exchange, they will connect schools, hospitals and libraries to the so-called information superhighway for free. Good for BT, which can mount a challenge to the North American utility companies now cabling much of Britain, and good for consumers, since it brings more competition into a growing part of the telecoms market. Good, too, for schoolchildren, patients and library users, who may otherwise not have the funds to connect up to the knowledge revolution.

But it doesn't quite work like this. BT is being prevented from selling home entertainment services precisely because it did not get on with the joh when it had the chance. Cable video is potentially a very lucrative area of business, but it is also an extremely expensive one to enter. Unless the cable companies had been given a period of protection, unthreatened by the better established BT, they would never have had the incentive to invest.

Those who favour grand industrial strategies devised in Whitehall will argue the case for granting BT special favours to avoid the risk of rival cahle-layers wasting money duplicating the network. A privileged BT, the argument runs, would have more chance of emerging a strong, international player. But this ignores strong evidence that companies mainly hecome world-beaters by being forced first to compete in their home markets.

The challenge for government is to ensure that the regulatory framework gov-

erning this fast-moving industry furthers at all times the interest of the consumer; that is the way to apply the pressure on the industry to become efficient.

This is not to say that the rules governing the cable video business should remain same beyond 2002, when the current deal expires. BT almost certainly should be allowed to enter the market then, although that may require further action in the meantime in expose BT to additional competitive pressure in its other markets. The longterm aim is a free market through telecoms and broadcasting, with regulation only

where the consumer interest requires it.

The problem is that Mr Blair presented this otherwise sensible regulatory change as a deal, an exemplary act of "new Labour, public and private working together".

So in place of beer and sandwiches with the trade unions, new Labour has wine and canapés with the bosses – still sup-porting producer interests rather than the

little guy.

BT is apparently giving consumers something for free, but that is not what private sector corporations do: they earn profits for their shareholders and seek to use their influence with governments to maximise those profits. There is no such thing as a free telephone line.

Labour is in effect advocating a oneoff boost to BT's monopoly power where some of the excess profits are used to do what the state wants, rather than allowing the regulator to ensure that this sur-

plus is passed hack to the consumer. Mr Blair presumably thinks that the BT deal demonstrates the party's enthusiasm for working with the private sector. Yet it flies in the face of a promising trend in Lahour's economic thinking in favour of promoting competition, attacking vested interests and standing up for the consumer. Mr Blair should ditch the BT deal, back customer power not big husi-ness, and, above all stop making policies

Howard plays the race card

he remains determined to introduce yet another piece of regulation. The Home Secretary wants employers to check wbether they are giving jobs to illegal immigrants.

It is hardly surprising that employers' organisations, such as the Federation of Small Businesses, are protesting. Already awash in VAT bills and tax returns, they are in no mood to become immigration inspectors as well.

But if Mr Howard is unmoved by such special pleading, ne should listen to what Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, is saying. Thanks to yet another government leak, we know that Mrs Shephard regards the proposal as wrong because it will make it even harder for people from ethnic minorities to get a job.

Mrs Shephard knows that if employers face criminal sanctions for not checking joh applicants, they will simply devise the easiest method of rejecting potential ille-gal immigrants. That will be to turn away

anyone with a hlack face. This is an appalling prospect. Given his long experience in government, Mr Howard must already know the difficul-

Michael Howard is a senior member ties and prejudices that people from ethnic minorities face in securing jobs. We should not be making it more difficult for them. The level of unemployment among ethnic minority groups in some of Britain's largest cities is one of the most significant social problems we face.

It is also a fact that most illegal immigrants who have jobs do not in any case work in the formal labour market. They tend to work in the cash-in-hand, informal economy where not too many ques-tions are asked and nothing is put down on paper. Mr Howard's proposals would have little impact on this sector.

His plans could, however, increase the ure on many legal hlack and Asian British citizens into taking these low-paid, unregulated jobs if employers in the formal economy take one look at them and

turn them away. So Mr Howard is advocating draconian and ill-considered action against what, in numerical or any other terms, is not a significant problem, compared to the levels of illegal immigration with which countries such as the United States and Germany cope. It is difficult to escape the conclusion that Mr Howard's real intent is to play the race card in the approach to next week's Conservative Party conference. There is no place for this kind of politics in Britain.

ANOTHER VIEW George Austin

Church politics can hurt

The Independent yesterday ran the you are no longer needed and you story of a "coup" mounted against me return to your office to find your desk by two of my fellow archdeacons. For 25 years I have sat on the General Synod, but now the archdeacons of Cleveland and the East Riding have refused to endorse my reappointment. In a long career in the church one expects to suffer minor and major hurts, hut nothing has hurt me as much as this.

Twenty-five years on the General Synod is enough for anyone. I had decided to resign in two years' time, quite happily, because after a time your contribution to debate is limited, because you have heard all the arguments many times before.

Last week my two colleagues dropped a bombshell by telling me that they would not be endorsing my appointment. It came as a complete surprise to me, particularly because in a light-hearted conversation I had referred to my re-election - I had really thought there could be no

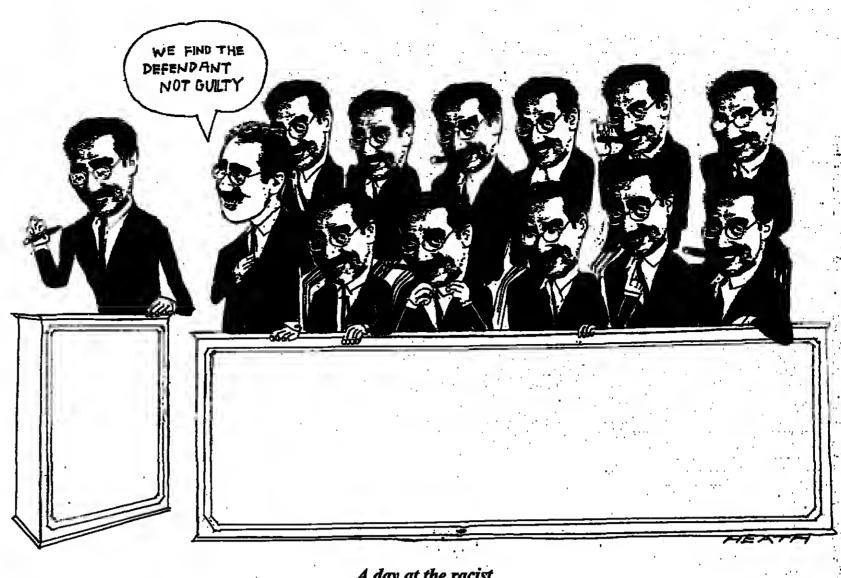
question about it. When we met again I suggested a compromise, that I had decided to step down anyway after two years. The archdeacons refused. I then asked that they should delay until the end of the month, so that I could attend the committees on which I serve, to say goodbye to people with whom I have worked for 25 years. They went ont of the room to discuss it, then

returned and refused. This refusal hurt almost more than the first decision. It is rather like redundancy, when you are told abruptly that The writer is Archdeacon of York

cleared. The reason they gave for their action was that I did not represent the views of the diocese. Then the Archdeacon of the East Riding said that as a liberal he felt very isolated in the diocese - which is hardly consistent with their earlier reasoning. So I can only take this as a personal slight. The only issue on which they might have felt that I would not represent their views is my opposition to women priests - but that is a dead issue, and I have given pastoral care to all the

women priests in our diocese. This action will not silence me. In fact, it leaves me a lot of gaps in my diary to be filled. I think it shows all of us who are traditionalists that we are not as accepted as some people would like to suggest. Marginalisation is a certainty for many of us in the future. The ironic thing is that the traditionalist view is the view of the ordinary person in the congrega-tion. And the liberals will find that they do not have the ordinary person on their

This business has confirmed in my mind that however dirty national politics are, they have something to learn from the church. But I remain an Anglican because that is what I am - God remains in the church, and we sometimes have to put up with these local difficulties.



A day at the racist

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Putting justice in jeopardy

From Mr Andrew Phillips

Sir: In your editorial "Nicole's killer is still free" (4 October)

There is no better way to succeed in a quest for truth than by rigorously testing conflicting veryou argue that the televising of the Simpson trial may have been justified, if only because without it the "unreconstructed racism" of the Los Angeles police would "almost certainly" not have come to light. Even if one accepts that point (which I do not) it mistakes the purpose, and underestimates the inherent fallibility, of the trial process. That purpose is singular, namely to see justice done in the par-

ticular case. That is difficult enough to achieve, and to hurden any trial with secondary considerations of justice for a class (however much they may deserve it) or a cause (however meritorious) is to jeopardise justice in the case. That undermines justice generally, particularly where half the world is Yours faithfully,

ANDREW PHILLIPS Bates, Wells & Braithwaite (Solicitors) London, EC1 4 October

From Dr Gary Slapper Sir: In focusing on problems raised by the OJ Simpson trial, your leader "Nicole's killer is still free" (4 October) wrongly contrasts an "adversarial system of justice" based on "seeking out weak points in an argument" with a "quest for truth".

sions of an event or an analysis. The coroner's inquest is the old-est inquisitorial legal process in Britain, there being no "sides" in the proceedings. Yet, whenever there are *de facto* oppositional accounts of a death (eg where a trade union and employer have different accounts of a work-place death), the coroner's search for truth is facilitated by the evi-

dence elicited from witnesses by

the questions of counsel for

either "side" Juries in the United States, as well as here, sometimes reach a verdict on evidence not legally relevant to the case. That is precisely why, in the US, so much time and money is spent on jury selection. In Britain, the acquitals of Clive Panting, Cynthia Payne, and Pottle and Randle Simpson jury was using its power to reject the prosecution's case because it saw the Los Angeles police as dishonest and racist, it

lished constitutional right. The exercise of democracy, even microcosmically by a jury, can bave very disturbing results for those who are complacent about the state of society. GARY SLAPPER The Law School Staffordshire University

Stoke-on-Trent

4 October

would be exercising an estab-

Little danger from the lobbies

From Mr Peter Churchill Sir: We would indeed need to be concerned that MPs are heing encouraged to disguise their views to get on standing committees were they the powerful bodies that "amend proposed legislation" claimed in your front page-article "Secrets of the MPs who help lohbyists" (3 October). This is not the case, however.

A rather topical example is the bill to privatise the electric utilities that was debated in the 1980s. It received 110 hours of consideration by the respective standing committee, yet no amend-ments moved by the Government were rejected, and only one minor amendment moved by a backbench MP was agreed to, the MP in question being Conserva-tive; none of the 227 amendments moved by the Opposition were accepted. (A. Adonis, Parliament Today 1990, MUP). Yours faithfully, P. CHURCHILL Spalding, Lincolnshire 3 October

From Mr Henry Morritt Sir: Defenders of the lobbying industry maintain that the activity is simply the exercise of the right to free speech by persons conveying their views to decision-makers and legislators, and that lobbying is essential in democracy. While this is undoubtedly true, it hides the fact that not everyone has the resources or inclination to lobby on things that will affect them, if they even know that dis-cussions are taking place on pro-

posed legislation or policy.
Allowing lobbyists free acces to our legislators and civil servants opens the possibility of manipulation, and to distorted legislation and policy. We should not, without regulation, allow the lobbying industry to bend and manipulate our laws and policies.

Formal rules on gaining access, declarations of interest, and clear open formalised statutory consultation are the solution. Otherwise, we the majority will ngly be held hostage to private and special interests exercising their democratic rights. Yours sincerely, HENRY MORRITT London, W14 2 October

BA in the drink

From Ms Margaret Philips

Sir: I was interested to read your short article "BA targets drunks" (29 September), because I wrote to BA, in January, complaining about two passengers seated next to me on a 24-hour flight from Sydney to London, who drank continuously. Every 15 minutes they each ordered two beers and two spirit chasers. They were noisy, disruptive and, in my view, unsafe. The cabin staff were quite happy to keep serving them.

Two hours before landing at Heathrow, the person next to me, who had passed out with her head

over the table, threw up over everything in sight. Here is an extract from the letter I received

from Customer Relations: While it may seem firmer action by our cabin staff could have alleviated the problem, there is always a greater danger of creating greater unpleasantness if requests for drinks are refused; intervention can sometimes inflame the situation. The number of passengers who persist in this type of behaviour is very small and our staff are normally able to contain the problem. Yours faithfully, M. PHILIPS London, NW6

Myth of the New Statesman's 'golden age'

ily in arresting the circulation

From Mr Godfrey Hodgson Sir. As an associate editor of the New Statesman at the time when Bruce Page was editor, may I correct the myth which seems to be taking root about that magazine. This holds that there was a golden age under the editorships of Paul Johnson, Richard Crossman and Anthony Howard, and that this prelapsarian idyll was ruined by Bruce Page's "batty" ideas. The truth is that the real

golden age ended with the end of newsprint shortage. Circulation fell like a stone during the editorships of Messrs Johnson and Howard, and continued to fall after Bruce Page left. The paper Gopfrey Hodgson was losing manage for the paper Gopfrey Hodgson was losing money (offset by the . Offord income from investments made 5 October in earlier, more prosperous times) when Page took over. By enormous personal efforts and with the help of a truly remarkable staff, which included Martin

create a professional magazine that might inject some factual reporting into discussions in Labour circles. The project failed, but that does not mean that it was

From Mr Bruce Page Sir: James Fenton ("Statesman October) asks why political mag-azines of the right thrive more Campbell, David Cante, Anna readily than those of the left. The BRUCE PAGE Coote, Christopher Hird, Chris- answer is that comfortable ideas topher Hitcheus and Francis are easier to sell than uncom- 2 October

Wheen, Bruce Page was the only editor who succeeded temporar- of the right - which is that giving of the right - which is that giving the poor more money doesn't aid

them - is a real winner.

It would help, of course, if those who favour the left kept Right or wrong, Bruce's con-ception was that the commercial prospects were limited for a magtheir own ideas in order. Mr azine offering 1,200-word essays, however talented their writers. Fenton writes that in 1978, when he and I competed for the edi-Instead be tried, very hard and with considerable success; to torship, "the paper owned its building in Lincoln's Inn Fields, had money in the bank, and made, as a company, an operating profit".
The paper made an operating.

loss. This was subsidised out of investment income, which had been built up during the days when the paper itself did make a profit. It may have been too late, by 1978, to re-create that commercial success. But I still think it was worthwhile to try: it might have been worthwhile for the staggers from crisis to crisis", 2 New Statesman board to have tried a little harder.

London, EC2

Charitable charade of academia

From Mr Peter Michael Johns Sir: I fear that Conrad Russell (Letters, 3 October) has himself fallen victim to the fallacy that university presses exist purely for the advancement of scientific

knowledge. Oxford University Press has for many years published student textbooks. It recently acquired the textbook list of Weidenfeld & Nicholson. Among the titles on that list is one of the leading introductory economics textbooks, of which it has published a new edi-tion in 1996 using four-colour

production in the text. University presses have paid five-figure royalty advances: not big in the Martin Amis or Jeffrey Archer stakes but commercial publishing in anyone's terms. The real danger is that they will match the pattern in the US market where royalty advances as high as \$80,000 have been offered by some university presses. Acquisitions, introductory texts, large royalty advances: this is not the world of university press publish-ing described by Professor Russell.

aggressive, commercial manner. It does, however, seem absurd to provide them with the support of charitable status and, thereby, subsidy from the taxpayer. The university presses seem to relish operating in the market. I suggest the playing field should be lev-elled so that commercial publishers can challenge them on equal terms in the market. Germaine Greer correctly identified a problem: the charade

I do not object to the principle

of university presses acting in an

is even more grotesque than her description. Yours sincerely, PETER JOHNS

Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire 3 October From Mr Robert Allen

Sir: Germaine Greer's criticisms of the university presses make no sense. If she wants more people to read books, it cannot be right to tax them. Books are not ordinary commodities, any more than food or children's shoes are. In the Eighties, Oxford Uni-

versity Press published a monoraph of mine on the Hellenistic kingdom of Pergamum. No one else could have published it; nor could OUP if Germaine Greer bad her way. Yet I am told there are people who find it useful. I am sure this is equally true of the many other books only the university presses are able to consider, and long may it continue, Yours sincerely, ROBERT ALLEN

Edinburgh 3 October

From Ms Bronwen Cunningham Sir: As well as scrapping the Net Book Agreement, my publishers have also scrapped another tiresome agreement - the Pay Authors What We Owe agreement. The latest royalties account from my publishers, £7.24 on 50 copies sold in Australia, is marked "too small to pay". Not too small to receive, I assure you. Is this common practice? Yours sincerely, BRONWEN CUNNINGHAM Petworth, West Sussex

Fare's fair

From Mr Knowles Mitchell

Sir: Comments attributed to me by your Transport Correspondent (4 October), in connection with fare increases came, in fact, from my senior press officer, Ross Mackie The new charges were subject to full consultation with the statutory rail user committees. Passengers' interest is well represented by the user committees, who are able to publicly challenge unreasonable increases at a time when disclosure of changes would no longer risk giving a commercial advantage to another transport operator.

An important feature of our fare changes is that the price of our most heavily discounted ticket, Apex, has been held and its availability has been extended to more places. Increases in the cost of firstclass travel was preceded by a range of service enhances including complimentary drinks free newspapers and books.
Yours sincerely.

KNOWLES MITCHELL Public Affairs Manager Great Western Swindon :

Early AZT trials

From Dr Stephen Cameron

Sir: Steve Connor's Saturday Story (30 September), about the Delta trial of anti-HIV drugs taken in combination, made some remarks about the 1993 Concorde AZT trial that might mislcad your readers into thinking there are no benefits to be had from AZT The Concorde trial was designed to see if ther-apy with AZT, initiated early in the course of HIV-disease, when individuals are symptom-free, could extend the benefit of an increase in survival of 12 to 18 months, seen when AZT is taken later. The trial failed to find any advantage to early prescription, but this does not mean that AZT is not of benefit to Aids patients. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN CAMERON

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London, NW5

Blair's dream

From Dr J. D. Fox Sir. Tony Blair conjures up a dream of a computer in every classroom. Why do so many

believe in salvation through information technology? Computers are very useful in many ways, but their impact in education has been mixed. Much software in use is dull, limited and inflexible. In the classrooms. the brainpower, flexibility and creative power of human teachers far outstrip the capacity of

So by all means put more computers in the classroom, Mr Blair. But don't forget to provide training opportunities for teachers, more coursework for students, more time for thinking carefully about how to control IT. For, if we don't, maybe one day we will find it has enslaved us. Yours faithfully,

JEREMY FOX School of Modern Languages and European Studies **UEA** Norwich University of East Anglia Norwich

4 October

comment

Has love been lost to labour?

Long hours in a demanding job can ruin relationships. The hunt is on for a better balance

Famous career couples have had a and that they are eager to take advantage of the opportunities not available months. The media's lurid interest to previous generations of women. began as Hugh Grant and Liz Hurley tried to cope with the combination of geographical distance and Divine Brown. Last week, after months of speculation, the Carlings finally announced a trial separation, and now it has been the turn of Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson to

split up. It is tempting to put this down to the problems of glitzy and glamorous relationships, the inevitably heady chemistry of fame, too much travel, prima donna egos and overwork. But the truth is that what is happening to famous career couples is little different from what is happening to many ordinary people.

Charles Handy puts it well in his book *The Age of Unreason* (Arrow, £6.99). It is rare, he says, for career couples to have bappy and lasting relationships precisely because so much energy is put into achieving success at work. For a relationship to thrive it requires a lot of investment of time and energy. Often, public success for one partner depends on the other

being altruistic and caring.
Not long ago, of course, this was the norm. But today most households have two earners. Few women are content any more to be the power behind the throne, the shoulder to cry on. Instead they want the bright lights and the sense of identity that comes from a good joh. It is little wonder that surveys show that schoolgirls now talk of wanting careers first and family second der that as many as 80 per cent of

For many women the desire to achieve at work is almost overwhelming. Relationships have to fit around work, not the other way round. As one professional woman in her late twenties said, "Sometimes I feel I am striving and driving so hard for a career, I forget there are other things in life which are important."

Many - especially professionals are in geographically-strained relationships, struggling to maintain contact with long-distance phone calls and snatched weekends away. Although they are aware their relationships are suffering, many say that if push comes to shove, they would put work first. Perhaps because work has become the source of so much personal gratification and the place where so many people spend such a lot of their time, it is not only a contributory factor in relationship breakdown, it is also the place where many clandestine rel-

Taking account of another person's ambitions as well as your own is bad enough. But the strains on relation-ships are amplified by other factors. After a long decline throughout this century, working hours began rising in the Eighties and have continued to climb in the Nineties. The lunch hour is a thing of the past and the British work the longest hours in Europe. The "time squeeze" that haunts people's lives is clearly putting relationships and family life under strain. No won-

ationships are started.



Few women are now content to be the power behind the throne

working mothers and 88 per cent of working fathers aged between 18 and 34 told a recent survey by Mori Socioconsult that they want to spend more time with their families and would welcome greater flexibility over their

working bours.

Perhaps because of this time pressure, there is a new mood to the Nineties which is in stark contrast to the gogetting work-oriented Eighties. A book published this week, After Success by Professor Ray Pahl (£12.99, Polity Press) argues that many suc-cessful people are now re-evaluating their achievements and seeking fulfilment beyond work. Having reached their forties and fifties, they are all too aware of the heavy price they bave had

to pay for their careers.
It is not only the middle-aged who are questioning their values. A younger generation with high expect-ations of fulfilment at work want to

fulfil themselves outside of work as our greatest obstacle is that as a soci-well. Because they are growing up ety we still define success by what we well. Because they are growing up amid endemic job insecurity, they are bound to question just how wise it is to invest all their emotional energy in work when jobs are becoming so much less reliable. Many, too, are aware of how many mistakes their parents made, especially in terms of relationships, and that achievement in one domain was matched by failure elsewhere.

Perhaps because of this the young are redefining the meaning of success to encompass the private as well as the public sphere, with many finding identities through personal relationships – networks of friends and family – as well as through work. It is not surprising that many of them flock to see films such as Slackers, Reality Bites and Before Survise which catch the mood of a generation searching for meaning in their lives in a world where the rules

are being rewritten.

Across the world this questioning of work, success and personal fulfilment is visible. Even in Japan, commentators lament the changing work ethic of the "grassbopper" generation who are now refusing to put in bours at work that are not mandatory and who organise their lives around the three Vs: villas, visits and vistas.

It would be marvellous to think that in the Nineties we were seeing a shift towards a more balanced work ethie with renewed emphasis on relationships and family life. But don't hold your breath.

For all these signs of change, it is hard to be wholly optimistic. Perhaps

do, rather than who we are. Our culture lauds the public world of work much more than the private world of relationships and family life. We still have different standards of success for women than for men, and women pay

a high price for trying to have it all.

I wonder whether there is another way. Many career couples are trying to work together - in restaurants and shops and consultancies and law firms - to contain the pressures. With the advent of the flexible labour market, the family firm may well be reborn. with more people linking the bome to the workplace in ways that were once quite common before the advent of the industrial society.

That is perhaps why Thompson and Branagh's relationship has hit problems. Once the epitome of the working-together couple, recently their careers and relationship have become increasingly divorced from each other, no longer intimately connected. Perhaps inevitably, distance meant that they stopped working hard enough at the relationship.

Whatever the causes, the very pub-lic playing out of the private dramas affecting our golden career couple is a timely reminder of how difficult it is to achieve the right balance between success in one sphere and failure in

If the photographs of Thompson this week are anything to go by, one wonders if she feels that she and Branagh have paid too high a price for

NHS patients deserve the best

Robert Winston explains his plan, favoured by Tony Blair, for centres of medical excellence

Within a few miles of my health "purchasers", with responsibility for the care of their smith, an in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) unit has just opened in a National Health Service hospital. This hospital has no specialist infertility consultants and certainly could not provide truly comprehensive infertility care. Recently, the bospital concerned was interviewing candidates for the post of embryologist. One, rather boldly, asked how the unit intended to compete, "seeing as the Hammersmith Hospital, with its world-class facilities, is on your doorstep". The reply was: "We intend to undercut

their prices. As it happens, I do not believe Hammersmith's prices could be undercut. It is actually one of the cheapest units in the country. But what will be the consequence of another clinic on our doorstep? First, there will be another IVF unit in London - which, frankly, is unnecessary. Second, within a year or two, this unit will become unprofitable and close down - but not before considerable NHS resources have been spent on commissioning it and maintaining its staff, and not hefore far more patients than necessary are likely to have failed a treatment that would have been better administered

in the larger unit.

IVF is a relatively minor, rather uncommon treatment, hut this experience of threatened waste and the destroyed bopes of ordinary patients is a model for what is happening in the NHS in many different areas. The internal market is increasingly failing to provide the best treatment and wasting ever bigger sums of money.

This country has a health service envied around the world. Apart from its ability to deliver high standards of medicine, it has consistently been at the forefront of developing medical techniques and treatments.

Given the pre-eminence of

British medicine, then, why has our Government more or less completed the introduction of so radical a reform? The fact is that the system was creaking. It was economically wasteful at a time when the costs of delivering high-quality care were rising; it was often unaccountable to consumers and unprepared to audit its results; waiting lists were sometimes overlong and the general surroundings for patients often well below the dard acce ised society.
The Government established

the internal market to counteract these problems. Local

local populace, were given a pot of money to "buy" the most appropriate medicine for their people from "providers". These, mostly the local general hospitals, were able to compete with each other to "sell" their elinical wares. This reform, whose impact and implications are still barely understood by at least 95 per cent of the patients I see in clinics (and by a surprising number of my own col-

leagues), was revolutionary.
The internal market has ensured to some extent that providing hospitals have improved efficiency: waiting lists are a bit shorter; hospitals tend to be brighter and more anxious to please. But there is a growing awareness that the interoal market is damaging much of the real fabric and core

of the NHS. Centres of excellence, such as my own, used to be able to offer specialist medicine at the highest level to patients from Aberdeen, Belfast or Bury. Now you can live on one side of the street in London under one health authority and get treatment, or live on the other side - under a different authority - and not get treatment.
This fundamental inequality

goes against the whole concept of the NHS. The ability of centres of excellence to undertake large numbers of specialist procedures generated clinical research that was the envy of all our American colleagues. It also led to excellent training for junior staff, who received the best clinical education in the world. This excellence influenced care in all centres distant from the regional or teaching

This is part of Tony Blair's vision for the future. He recognises that regional centres, threatened and weakened by the Government, should play a leading role in reshaping the NHS under new Labour. Such centres provide a cost-effective and excellent way of providing what is best in British medicine.

By connecting them to the Information Superhighway, using it to transmit any material that can be digitised from doctor to doctor (X-rays, monitored traces and ultrasound, for example) and by linking live operations, they would have a new role in improving treatment and education, as well as increasing standards for the

Robert Winston is professor of

The tabloids have impaired the ability of the judicial system to dispense justice, says Henry Porter

When they publish, damn them

One aspect of yesterday's coverage of the decision to abandon the trial of Geoff Knights because of wideranging press breaches of the contempt law stood out: law: the Sun, the Daily the rank arrogance of the responses by newspaper editors. When you read Richard Stott, editor of Today, saying that Judge Roger Sanders' remarks were "hys-lerical", you know that the tabloid press has quite simply lost its ability to function within the law and that the moment for action has

"If he is saying," blus-tered Mr Stott, "that nobody can report a crime in case

The tabloid press has quite simply lost its ability to function within the law and the time for action has arrived

somebody is later charged with it, it is nonsense." Of course Judge Sanders was not saying that. What he did say was that the coverage after Mr Knights had been charged was so damaging to the defendant that it would be impossible for him to receive a fair trial.

Perhaps Mr Stott does not understand the law of contempt, but this seems unlikely. There is very little room for ambivalence in the law: once somebody is charged a newspaper may not publish anything which is likely to affect the course of the trial, and that includes interviews with witnesses and remarks about defendants - or, for that matter, the judge. The point that Mr Stott disingenuously ignores is that the preponderance of prejudicial coverage came

after Knights was charged.

Just a few weeks before the committal proceedings Lynda Lee Potter, the Daily

Knights' girlfriend Gillian Taylforth, who was to be one of the main prosecution witnesses. Other newspapers were just as careless of the Express and the Daily Mirror were singled out for referring to allegations against Knights when they knew that a trial date had heen set.

In total eight national newspapers were said to have openly flouted the law, which does not suggest a misunderstanding in the newspaper world so much as a tacit conspiracy to erode one of the most important principles in British justice. This issue is not about the freedom to report, it is about the freedom of the judicial system to operate justly and of defendants to be tried in as neutral a climate as posinterest principle at stake here - other than the protection of the legal system and no argument about free-dom of speech, just plain and simple law-breaking.

Newspapers are on the whole rather more mindful of the safety of their posi-tions than this hehaviour scems to indicate, certainly newspaper lawyers are, and it seems unlikely that these papers would have broken the contempt law if their inhouse lawyers had advised that they risked proceed-ings in doing so. But the lawyers have been reading the signats given out by the Autorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell, who has shown a distinct reluctance to persecute the tabloids for

contempt. The lawyers must have advised that the risks were slight, and, given the intense competition tabloids over stories concerning soap stars, the news-papers published, probably drawing a certain comfort from the idea that no Conservative Attnrney General would dare to bring proceedings against so many

national titles. tt is the scale of the defiance that prompts action against the newspapers now, hut it is astonishing that the Mail's star columnist, pub-lished an interview with Mr so out of control, for no law situation was allowed to get



officer could possibly fail to see the value of the principle of contempt.

And yet there were these encouraging signals. In 1993 a case against three police officers accused of perjury in the trial of the Birmingham Six collapsed because of press coverage, but no action against the newspapers fol-lowed. In July Michelle and Lisa Taylor attempted to bring contempt proceedings against the Sun, Daily Mirror, Daily Mail and Daily Express for the prejudicial and sensational reporting of their murder trial three years ago. Their convictious were quashed by the Court of Appeal and they decided to pursue the newspapers responsible for the coverage, but were prevented from doing so by the Soliticor on behalf of Sir Nicholas Lyell's office said that contempt proceedings were "not appropriate". When the sisters chal-

lenged this decision in the High Court the judges hacked the law officers, althnugh one did concede that the behaviour of the newspapers had "crossed acceptable limits".

It now appears, however, that the judiciary has become frustrated by the Attorney General's lack of enthusiasm in this area. Anthony Scrivener QC, former chairman of the Bar, said that judges thought the Attorney General had not been doing enough and that his laxity was directly responsible for falling newsignore Judge Sanders' remarks about the press yesterday and ordered the Solictor General, Sir Derek Spencer, to launeh an inquiry. If proceedings follow - and we must hope that they do - then the Government must take its sbare of the blame for the ambiguity of Sir Nicholas's stance. There has been very little in the way of clear guidance in

the past three years. There is one other thing in all of this that should not the press has grown up within the establishment.: One must not accuse Sir Nicholas of hringing the next election into his considerations, but there are people in government who allow it to enter their calculations, and This case is not just about the

the tahloid press. This case is not just about the con-

tempt of court; it is about

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this is quite simply wrong. There can be no doubt when you hear editors like Mr Stott speaking, that newspapers today have a much greater sense of their own power than they did five years ago: they have taken on the highest in the land royalty, judges, cabinet ministers, air vice marshalls and they bave usually won. And during this time there paper standards. Clearly Sir has, it seems, been very lit-Nicholas Lyell could not the to restrain them or to cause them to reconsider their behaviour.

This is an extremely unhealthy situation, and if you want to see where it leads, you have only to look to the United States, where television has acquired very mueb the same sort of pre eminence as the tahloids have in Britain.

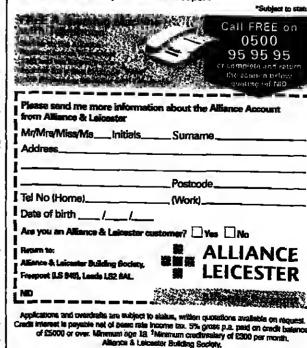
American television made the trial of OJ Simpson a farce, which is exactly what the tabloids did to the case of Geoff Knights. It is a be forgotten, and that is the development that should not

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way



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Andrew Wilkinson, Emeritme

Professor of Paediatric Surgery at the Hospital for Sick Chil-

dren, Great Ormond Street, in

London, and former President of the Royal College of Sur.

geons of Edinburgh, was a man who was large in every way - in

his physique, in his enjoyment of life and in his contributions

to surgery.
Wilkinson was a product of
the Edinburgh University Medical School and the Edinburgh

School of Surgery. After spe-cialising in surgery he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps

from 1942 to 1946. He returned

to Edinburgh to the Depart-

ment of Surgery, and then moved to Aberdeen as Senior

In 1958, he was appointed the first Nuffield Professor of Pac-

diatric Surgery at Great Or-

mond Street - the first chair of

Paediatric Surgery in the Unit-ed Kingdom. Wilkinson's pae-diatric surgical experience in Edinburgh and Aberdeen dif-fered considerably from that of

his new and highly specialised colleagues, but his extensive

general experience and his contributions to research enabled him to establish firmly the reputation of his new department.

He gathered round him trainces

Lecturer in 1953.

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Robert Hamilton

Robert Hamilton had several successive and partly overlapping careers, as an imperial civil servant, a scholar and a museum administrator.

Hamilton's father had served was Inspector and the Director of Antiquities in the Palestine of the British mandate, where he resided almost continuously hetween 1929 and the end of the mandate in 1948. He created the British archaeological centre in Baghdad, often returned on various missions to Iraq or Palestine, and was offered the post of Director of Antiquities of Iraq in 1961, hut turned it down.

My last exchange of letters with Hamilton brought back a memory of his official functions in the 1930s. I had received a letter from Germany that had heen sent to an American friend, another Robert Hamilton, who had been, during his lifetime, a part-time archaeologist. The letter sought information about a German archaeologist who had exca-vated in Palestine before the Second World War and who was, I believe, killed on the Russian front.

1 remembered that the British Robert Hamilton had once told me that, at the beginning of the war, in 1939, he had sequestered the belongings of that archaeologist and dis-covered a sizeable cache of arms and a lot of Nazi propa-ganda. 1 do not know what Hamilton wrote to a correspondent unknown to both of us, but I do know that he answered the letter a month or two before his death.

This trivial anecdote illustrates the inevitability of certain ways of knowing other people. especially from foreign lands, among those who held positions of trust and responsibility in a world-wide oet of service to the

Hamilton studied the classics at Oxford, learnt Arabic, became an "excavating" archaeologist as well as an admirable student of single monuments to be rescued from time or men. He was also a remarkable draughtsman and water-colourist; I was convinced for years that he had been trained as an architect, because his reconstructions as well as the copies he made of finds are both striking in technique and imaginative in evoking long-lost huildings or any part of them. His scholarly contributions fall into two main groups. There:

are the learned disquisitions on individual monuments he helped renovate or preserve. Such is The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem (1947), a guidebook with a brilliant dis-

Jack Holt was one of a vanish-

ing breed of racehorse trainers.

away from the main training centres of Newmarket and

Lambourn, he operated from

Tunworth Down, near Bas-

ingstoke, and established a rep-

utation as a very shrewd placer

of horses, especially sprint

Holt's father, Len, who

trained at Gatwick, in Sussex.

was controversially warned off

the Turf in the late Forties. Jack

church that went against the commonly accepted wisdom of the time and that aroused some further disagreements, but which found partial confirmation in recent investigations. in India and Robert Hamilton This part of his contribution was printed in smaller script, and he warned unsuspecting readers away from what he thought was overly technical for casual tourists. Another basically monographic instance is the remarkable Structural History of the Aqsa Mosque (1949), re-

lentless in the pursuit of details, unforgiving to anyone skipping even a line, but ultimately revealing the complexities of one of the most frequently rebuilt works of Islamic architecture. Some of his conclusions were accepted, others were not, and he himself continued to debate the issues with himself and with

whoever felt strong enough to

challenge him. Constant returns to his own work characterised even more Hamilton's long-standing involvement with Khirbat al-Mafjar, the most spectacular of the Umayyad "palaces", located in the Jordan valley just north of Jericho, a complex rich in mosaics, paintings, sculptures, and truly unique architectural compositions. Hamilton and Dimitri Baramki were involved in an excavation of many years that eventually led to some friction between the two, which Hamilton regretted a great deal.

Eleven years after the end of the British mandate, in 1959, Hamilton's masterful presen-tation of the site was published in unusually lavish ways for a work entitled Khirbat al-Mafjar. It should always be read together with several important articles dealing with various parts of the building and its decoration. What is important is not merely that Khirbat al-Mafjar is the only true early Islamic palace to be published, but that Hamilton never ended his affair with it. In several articles, and then in Walid and his Friends (1988), he kept answering occasional critics, refuting explanations by others which seemed wrong to him (in-



cence to train himself in 1949.

He dined out regularly on the

a push-bike, he cycled to Pet-worth, and rented a field where

he trained a handful of horses.

He had one saddle and some £40

to his name. He mucked out the

inmates himself and rode them

in all their exercise. His first win-

ner, King Rebel, came at the now

defunct Wye racecourse in May

slowly, never having a lot of

horses in his care but always

finding the right opportunities

From then on he progressed

cluding my own), and returning to the palace and to the prince he saw as its creator. In his last scholarly book, Hamilton, now a quiet and polite octogenanan, managed to bring his hero to life an to translate in very direct English al-Walid's ofteo

ribald and lascivious poetry.

It was my privilege, as a very young student, to participate with Hamilton in the investigation of Khirbat al-Maffar after the end of formal excavations and I remember vividly the warmth of his welcome in Oxford where my wife and I had stopped on our way to Jordan.
I especially remember the

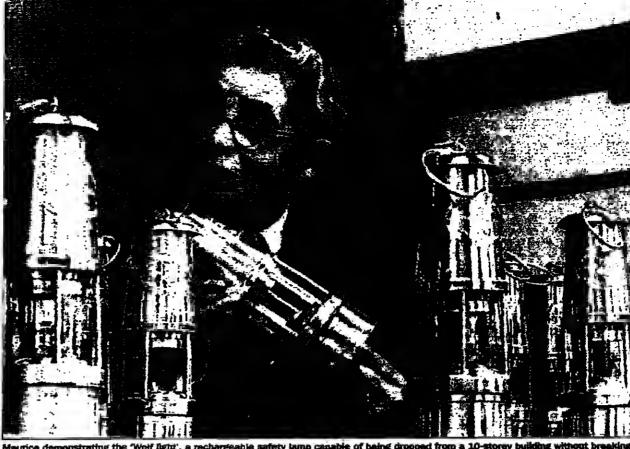
quality of the notes he (and oth-

ers) had left in the archives of the Palestine Archaeological Museum, in Jerusalem (now the Rockefeller Museum). In alhums and boxes there were (and I suppose still are) stored drawings, photographs, observations of all sorts on Maijar and on many other Palestinian remains by a man of intelligent devotion to his task who had become fascinated by the early Islamic period and the personages of the seventh and eighth centuries, under whose leadership or in whose lifetime the political structure of the Mediterranean changed irretrievably. He saw them as the weak hut loveable libertines that many of them were, but he loved them for the wooderful places they had created.

Robert Hamilton was also a successful administrator, not only in Palestine, but later in Oxford, where he directed from 1962 to 1972 the Ashmolean Museum, where he was also Keeper of the Department of Antiquities, and handled spccessfully problems typical of veoerable institutions. He was, too, a family man who could hardly be dissociated from his wife Hetty and his children. His functions required long absences from home, and the letters he published in 1992 (Letters from the Middle East by an Occasional Archaeologist) are a beautiful testimony to a creative and useful life, well

Oleg Graba Robert William Hamilton, archaeologist: born 26 November 1905; Chief Inspector of Antiq-uities, Palestine 1931-38, Direc-tor of Antiquities 1938-48; Secretary-Librarian, British School of Archaeology, Iraq 1948-49; Senior Lecturer in Near Fastern Archaeology, Oxford 1948-49; Senior Lecturer in Near Eastern Archaeology, Oxford 1949-56; Keeper of Department of Antiquities, Ashmolean Mu-seum 1956-72; Keeper 1962-72; Fellow, Magdalen College, Oxford 1959-72; FBA 1960; married 1935 Hetty Lowick (three sons, two daughters): died 25

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Monica Maurice

I recently spoke on the tele-phone to Monica Maurice in her office at the Wolf Safety Lamp Company, the Sheffieldbased specialists in safety lighting engineering, with a world-wide reputation second to oone. On that occasion her son John Jacksoo (my twin brother), now managing director, and her grandson, a graduate in design engineering, were poring over a technical problem with her. Her father, William Maurice, founder of the company, who purchased the husiness rights from Friemann and Wolf of Saxony in 1910, would have been proud to have known that three further generations were

thriving as a result of his vision

Yet it was not easy for Monica Maurice, who on her own, after her father's death in 1951 and with the aftermath of the Second World War, had to restructure and rebuild lost markets and demands. The company has now changed almost beyond recognition. No more flame lamps or acid batteries are now made by the company. The intense noise of the .. invaluable. fly presses, the scream of turbine wheels and the clank of blanking machines from the ipated in a British intelligence shop floor have given way to the overseas survey mission to Ger-production of the "Wolf light", many to determine the extent a light portable, rechargeable and subsequent recovery in cerhand lamp with the power of a motor-car headlamp, that could

building and would not hreak. Monica Maurice was brought up in the industrial north Midlands, the eldest of three daughters all of whom were educated at Bedales. She had a talent for languages and design and studied at the Sorbonne, in Paris, and at Hamburg University in the late Twenties. Even as a young girl there was a steely determination to be successful. Her long and distinguished career started in February 1930, first as secretary to her father

at the company, then as a trainee with the old parent company in Zwickau. This was the first of many visits to Germany throughout the Thirties. On one occasion she wandered into a restricted zone and saw what she thought was a guidance system. This she reported to the British authorities on her return, but they were not interested. At the outbreak of war though, she was summoned to London for a three-day debriefing. All this experience, her knowledge of technical German and her familiarity with many of the industrial sites proved

In 1947, with the rank of lieutenant colooci, she partictain specialised industries. During this visit her party were near Cologne when an arrogant young British captain dismissed their request for accommodation and supplies. Monica Maurice came forward and quietly suggested that she might be forced to pull rank and suddenly rooms were available in the local hotel, as well as fuel and rations for the coward journey. It was only recently that the fascinating and revealing diaries clubhouse together. made on her visit to Germany were discovered and it is the family's hope to publish this, to-

gether with other of her papers. She married a Canadian doctor, Arthur Jackson, in 1938. and by the mid-Fifties was ferrying three children to and from Bedales, where she was a governor for eight years. These ourneys were made in a wonderful Mark VI Bentley and were a joy to her children often clutching large baskets of cherries procured from the Thames

Valley roadside. Munica Maurice's passion for cars and planes was insatiable. She learnt to drive the family Singer Swallow at Park Grange, the family home overlooking Sheffield. By the Thirties she had graduated to a Domington track model chain-gang Frazer Nash with which she would race her friend Joy Davison. Both were members of the York Aviation Flying Club at Sherburn in Elmet, North

hreakfast at Park Grange, then set off each in their own cars. The Frazer Nash was small, nimble and light with tremen-dous acceleration, so that Maurice would have a good lead by the time she joined the Great North Road. But on the fast sections of the last 10 miles Davison's huge powerful car would haul in the Frazer Nash so that they would arrive at the

By the late Thirties Monica Maurice drove a Brough Superior Drophead Tourer and raced one of the works' Brough supercharged hill-climbing cars. She moved on to a pre-war BMW 327, and after the Bentley came a wonderful primrose yellow DB2 Mk III Aston Martin with a works engine which one could hear coming from miles away.

Her latter years were spent at peace in the tranquil village of Ashford in the Water in the Peak District of Derbyshire, where she enjoyed regular visits from family, friends and most of all her grandchildren whom she adored.

William Jackson

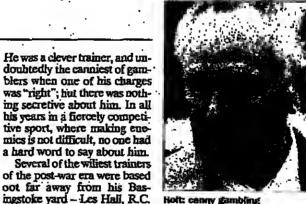
Helen Monica Mourice, lamp manufacturer: born 30 June 1908; managing director, Wolf Safety Lamp Company 1951-79, chairmari 1951-88; OBE 1975; married 1938 Arthur Jackson (two sons, one daughter); died 20

from Europe, Scandinavia, the Far East, Australia and North and South America. Having served on the Executive Committee of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons, Wilkinson was elected President for 1971 and 1972, and played a leading part in the formation of the Specialist Advisory Committee for Paediatric Surgery in the Joint Committee for Higher Specialist Training. He was an honorary member

of many overseas Surgical Associations and a loyal supporter of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: he was elected to Council in 1964 and served until 1973, when he became Vice-President, and in 1976 was elected President, His presidency was a time of important developments in the coffege, among them the introduction of a searching assessment at the end of specialist training and the expansion of the college's facilities for Education and Training.

Wilkinson is perhaps best remembered as a stimulating eacher, both at the bedside and in the operating theatre, of, undergraduate and of postgraduate trainees: His formal lectures, like his after-dinner speeches, were meticulously prepared and delivered.

Alan C. B. Dean



Leonard John Holt, racehorse

Andrew Wood Wilkinson, surgeon: born 19 April 1914; Syme Surgical Fellowship, Edinburgh University 1946-49, Senior University Clinical Tutor in Surgery 1946-51, Lecturer in Surgery 1951-53; Senior Lecturer in Sur gery, Aberdeen University, and Assistant Surgeon, Royal Infirmary and Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children 1953-58; Surgeon, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street 1958-95; Nuffield Professor of Paediatric Surgers, Institute of Child Health 1958-79 (Emeritus): Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons 1965; President, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1976-79; CBE 1979; married 1941 Joan Sharp (deceased; two sons, two daughters); died Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright 18

had assisted him from the age of 13, and rode three winners as an amaleur before taking out a li- for them. For many years he

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GUNNa Peter, beloved husband of Di-ana, died in France on 4 October. RICHARDS: On 4 October 1995. RICHARIIS: On 4 October 1995, peacefully, at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Cambridge. Paul Westmacott Richards CBE SeD, Emeritus Professor of Botany, University of Wales, Bangor, in his 87th year. Dearly loved husband of Anne (nee Hotham), father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral for family and close friends, memorial meeting later. Family flowers only. Donations to Paul Richards Kosup Fund, World Wildlife Fund, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Howehold Cavairy Mounted Regimes mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Barre Guard.

Birthdays

Always hased some distance story of those early days. Taking

Mr Jarvis Astaire, deputy chairman, Wembley Stadium, 72; Mr Richie Be-naud, cricket commentator, 65; Sir Alfred Blake, former director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, 80; Mr Melvyn Bragg, writer and broadcaster, 56; Mr William Buford, former Editor, Granta, 41; Mr Richard Caborn MP, 52; Barquess Castle of Blackburn, former MP and MEP, 85; Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, a Lieutenant of the City of London, 83; Lord Donaldson of Lymington, former Master of the Rolls, 75; Mr Kevin Godley, televi-sion and video director, and former musician, 50; Mr Tony Greig, crick-eter, 49; Dr Thor Heyerdahl, explorer and anthropologist, 81; Mr Tommy Lawton, footballer, 76; Mr David Ma-land, former High Master, Man-chester Grammar School, 66; Miss Helen Wills Moody (Roark), former tennis player, 90; Mr Cive Rees, rug-by international, 44; Admiral Sir Derek Reffell, former Governor of Gibreltar, 67; Sir William Stabb QC, former circuit judge, 82; Field Mar-shal Sir John Stanier, HM Constable of the Tower of London, 70.

Anniversaries

Births: Nevil Maskelyne, astronomer royal, 1732; Thomas Attwood, Chartist leader and political re-former, 1783; Jenny Lind (Johanna Maria Lind), operatic soprano, 1820; George Westinghouse, inventor of the airbrake, 1846; Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jenneret), architect and town planner, 1887: Deaths: William Tyndale, Bible translator, strangled and burnt at the stake 1536; Charles Stewart Parnell, political leader, 1891; William Henry Smith, newsagent, bookseller and statesman 1891; Alfred, first Baron Tennyson, poet, 1892; Denholm Mitchell Elliott, actor, 1992; Cyril James Cusack, acjoying his greatest success when Stephenion won the George Duller Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in 1965-66. Holt backed him at 100-9, buying a new car and paying a year's hills with the winnings.

He abandoned National Hunt racing when a favourite hurdler belonging to his wife, Ann. was killed in action. The move to Timworth Down came in the mid-Sixues, and Holt sooo demonstrated that he was equally adept on the Flat. Most of his winners were sprinters, but in 1970 he sent out a charismatic middle-

tor, 1993. On this day: Captain Cook landed in New Zealand, 1769;

in the United States, Mormons in

Utah renounced bigamy, 1890; Man-

chester University was opened, 1903; The Jazz Singer, the first feature-length talking film, began showing in New York, 1927; Chiang Kai-shek be-came president of China, 1928.

Roday is the Feast Day of St Bruno, St Faith of Agen, St Mary Frances of Naples and St Nicetas of

National Gallery, Christopher Bak-

er, "Room 28 (i): Rubens, A Roman

Victoria and Albert Museum: Olivia

Callea, "Heavenly Cloth: design and decoration of Chinese textiles",

Thre Gallery: Krzysztof Cieszkows-

ki, "The Tate's Predecessor: a view of Millbank Prison", Ipm.

Exeter University (at Cambonne School of Mines): Richard Williams, "A Journey Inside Mineral Separation Processes", 5pm.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton MP, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, hosted a reception held yesterday in the King's Dining Room, Edinburgh Castle, to mark the European Conference on Young Benella and Things.

Mr Anthony Nelson MP Minister for

Trade, was the host at a hincheon held

yesterday at Lancaster House, Lon-

don SWI, in honour of the Comet

British/Palestinian Round Table:

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concentrated on jumpers, enwin five races in a row at the Windsor evening meetings. The Windsor executive named a race in her honour - it is still run today - and Quortina returned to win it in 1972.

Jack Holt

Holt's sprinters did him proud year after year. He began with a very fast horse, Epsom Imp, and many years later came close to winning the race he prized above almost any other, the Stewards Cup at Goodwood, with both Coppermil Lad and Duplicity. The latter was backed 24 hours before the event, and . answer every questinn in detail.

RAF College Cranwell

The Hon Nicholas Soames MP, Min-

ister of State for the Armed Forces

was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of Officers held yester-

day at the Royal Air Force College,

Cranwell, Lincolnshire, Sony-one officers of No 158 Initial Officer

Training Course and 17 officers of No 259 Specialist Entrant and

Princess Margaret was the guest of honour at the English National Opera's Royal Gala Performance of Carmen held yesterday at the Lon-don Coliseaun, London WC2, in aid

of the British Red Cross. A reception

was held afterwards. Among those

present were:
The Countess of Linerick, Chairman of Council, British Red Cross, and the Earl of Linerick, Mar Pauline Semuelson, Charman of the Royal Gala Committee, and Mr Peter Sammelson; Mr Demis Marics, General Director, English Nalsonal Opera, and Mrs Saith Marics, Mr Toby Beauley, Theatre Manager, English National Opera; Mr Mike Whittom, Director of Operal, British Red Cross, and Mrs. Anne Whitsam, Mr John F. Gray, Director of Public Affairs, British Red Cross, and Mrs. Sendra Gray, Mr Judy Beard, Head of Fundralising, British Red Cross, The Earl and Countess of Harewood; Barones Revings, Royal Gala Patron; Mr Judy Bills, President

Countess of Harewood; Baropesi Rawling Royal Gata Patron; Mr Leil Mills, Fresiden of the TUC, and Mrs Mills, Mr Robin Mount Beld, Civil Service Permanent Secresary, an

Details of synagogue services to be

held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath

United Synaptoguess 9171-387 4349, Federation of Synaptoguess 9181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synaptogues of 6173-589 1663. Reform Synaptogues of Grost Britishe 0187-349 4731. Spenish and Pertuguese Jews Congregation: 9171-299

Synagogue services

begins in London at 6.13pm.

present were:

British Red Cross

distance mare called Quortina to found only the flying filly Locksong too good. Holt leved handicappers, but also trained the high-class two-year-olds Sweet Monday and, arguably his best horse, Argentum.

Jack Holt was an immenselikeable, straightforward man-In these days of huge strings, millionaire owners, and inaccessible trainers, Holt had oo difficulty in retaining the common touch. Complete strangers would come up to him at the races and inquire about his chances that day. I have seen down from 66-1 in 1992 in the him stop what he was doing and

doubtedly the canniest of gamblers when one of his charges was "right"; hut there was nothing secretive about him. In all his years in a ficroely competitive sport, where making enemics is not difficult, no one had a hard word to say about him. Several of the willest trainers

Yorkshire, some 40 miles away.

of the post-war era were based oot far away from his Basmgstoke yard - Les Hall, R.C. Sturdy, the great Bill Wightman. Holt easily stood comparison with any of them, and there is no higher praise than that.

Yan Carnaby . married; died 3 October 1995.

trainer. born 28 September 1928;

Killing of IRA suspects breached right to life

McCann and others v The United Kingdom; European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 27 September 1995

The killing of three terrorist suspects by Special Air Service soldiers did not constitute the use of force which was absolutely necessary in defence of persons from unlawful violence where the security authorities made insufficient allowances for possible errors in their intelligence assessments of the situation, combined with the soldiers' training

to use lethal force. The ECHR held, by ten votes to nine, that the killings of Daniel McCann, Mairead Farrell and Sean Savage constituted a violation of article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights which protects the right to life.
Article 2 provides:

1) Everyone's right to life shall be protected by Isw...2) Deprivation of life shall not be regarded as inflicted in contravention of this artide when it results from the use of force which is no more than absolutely necessary (a) in defence of any person from unlawful violence.

In 1988 the UK, Spanish and Gibraltar anthorities were aware that the provisional IRA were planning a terrorist attack on Gibraltar. The intelligence assessment was that the IRAunit which had been identified would use a car bomb which

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would probably be detonated by a remote control device. It was planned to arrest the unit members after they had brought the car into Gibraltar. The members of the IRA unit were considered dangerous terrorists and would he likely, if confronted by security forces, to use their weapons or detonate the bomb.

On 6 March 1988 Scan Savage was seen parking a car in Gibraltar and then seen with Daniel McCann and Mairead Farrell. It was decided that SAS soldiers should arrest them. Soldiers followed them and shouted a command to stop. McCann, Farrell and Savage made movements and the soldiers, fearing that remote control devices were being set off, fired several shots at close range, killing them. Farrell was hit by eight bullets, McCann by

five, and Savage by sixteen. No weapons or detonator devices were found on their bodies. The car did not contain any explosive device. However another car hired by Farrell and found in Marbella, Spain,

contained an explosive device. The parents of the three suspects complained that the killings constituted a violation of article 2.

The ECHR said that article

2 ranked as one of the most fundamental provisions in the Convention. The permitted "use of force" must be no more than "absolutely necessary". The court did not find it es-

tablished that there was an execution plot at the highest level of command or that the soldiers had been instructed or had decided on their own initiative to kill the suspects irrespective of any justification for the use of lethal force.

The information which the UK authorities received presented them with a fundamental dilemma. On the one hand they were required to have regard to their duty to protect the lives of the people of Gibraltar and, on the other, to have minimum resort to the use of lethal force in the light of domestic and international law obligations. The court questioned why

the three suspects were not arrested at the border immediately on their arrival in Gibraltar. A number of the authorities' key assessments turned out to be erroneous. Insufficient allowances were made for other assumptions. There was the possibility that

the terrorists were on a reconnaissance mission. It was disquieting that the suspect car bomh was conveyed to the soldiers as a definite identification of a bomh.

The failure to make provision for a margin of error had to be considered in combination with the training of the soldiers to continue to shoot once they opened fire until the suspect was dead. The nuthorities were bound to exercise the greatest of care in evaluating the information at their

Having regard to the decision not to prevent the suspects from travelling into Gibraltar, to the failure of the authorities to make sufficient allowances for the possibility that their intelligence assessments might be erroneous and to the automatic recourse to lethal force when the soldiers opened fire, the court was not persuaded that the killings constituted a use of force which was no more than absolutely necessary in defence of persons from unlawful violence within article 2(2)(a). There thus had been a breach of article 2.

It was not appropriate & make an award of damages since the three terrorist suspects had been intending to plant a bomb in Gihraltar.

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister

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IN BRIEF

Dollar sharply down

The dollar fell sharply in late Londoo trading, falling below ¥100. After an initial mid-afternoon decline of a pfennig to DM1.425 it then tumbled by a yen to ¥99.60. According to Kit Juckes, curreocy strategist at NatWest Markets, concerns about weak US jobs growth were worrying the market. The consensus is for a growth of 150,000 con-farm jobs in September following the increase of 249,000 in August. US jobless claims rose by 6,000 to 341,000 last week, according to the Labour Department, less than the market had been expecting.

More Germans unemployed

Unemployment rose by 14,000 in West Germany and vacancies fell for the fifth mooth running. The unexpected increase in the jobless count is a further indication of the weakness of the econmmy in the last few mooths and the pressure on employers from high labour costs to economise on staff.

Scots lift Manweb stake

Scottish Power bought a further 1.1 million shares in Manweh, bringing its stake in the regional firm to 28 per ceot. The hostile bid for Manweb by the Scottish group closes today and is the first contested bid for a major UK utility to reach this stage.

Hambros wins £1bn Siemens deal

Hambros, the merchant bank, has been choseo by Siemens of Germany to arrange the financing for the £1bn-plus project to build a chip plant in the north-east of England. This will be the biggest ever single inward investment in Britain.

Fall in UK housing starts There were 14,000 new housing starts in August. In the three months to August, 45,400 dwellings were begun in Great Britam, down 3 per ceot on the previous three mooths and 15 per ceot

lower than the same period in 1994. \$24m Mexican deal for Northumbria

Northumbrian Water has agreed to acquire 40 per cent of Gema,

a Mexican environmental company, for \$24m. Two directors of the UK firm will be appointed to the board of Gema, which in 1993 had sales of \$850m. The move comes as Northumbrian awaits a possible bid from Lyonnaise des Eaux of France.

SFO will not go to court today

The Serious Fraud Office has decided against going to court today in an effort to drop eight summonses brought against Nick Leeson by a group of Barings bond-holders. Earlier in the week the SFO asked the court whether there was time available for a hearing and was told that it could have bad a bearing today. The SFO wants to take over the private prosecution from the bond-holders and halt it.

Daiwa offices searched

Officers from the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Japan searched the Tokyo and Osaka offices of Daiwa Bank follow ing the loss of \$1.1bn through fraudulent bond trading in New York. The investigation focused on the bank's administrative management systems and risk management systems, a ministry official said.

Bankers Trust accused in \$195m 'rip-off' lawsuit

AVID USBORNE

he Bankers Trust of New York ound itself engulfed yesterday n a maeistrom of allegations of raud and systematic corruption n its derivatives division with he long-awaited publication of court filings against the bank a multi-million-dollar lawsuit

y Procter & Gamble. Details of how traders at the Bank apparently discussed a so-called "rip-off factor" - or ROF in their dealings with nine different corporate customers, including P&G, are included in some 300,000 pages of documents and 6,500 tape recordings, submitted by P&G in its

Based in Cincinnati, P&G is claiming \$195.5 million in damages from the Bank, which, it al-

m derivatives purchased from it. P&G took a \$102 million aftertax charge on losses sustained on its Bankers Trust derivatives.

The company escalated its as-sault against the bank last month, wheo it added racketeering and corruption charges to its suit. Original plans by the financial magazine Business Week to publish the documents and tapes, obtained by P&G from Bankers through the legal discovery process, were blocked by a Detroit judge who sealed them. The papers were un-sealed this week, however, and extracts are to carried in the

magazine's cover story due on newstands today. It is oot the first time that

leges, deliberately misled the arrives business. Its practices company nn the risks involved were highlighted in several media reports last year, including two Fortune magazine cover stories, and the bank was fined \$10 million by regulators for lying to another of its customers, Gibson Greetings.

In its filings, P&G asserts that fraud was so pervasive and in-stitutionalised that Bankers Trust employees used the acronym 'ROF' - rip-off factor - to describe one method for fleecing clients".

Many of the transcripts of conversations between bank employees seem to support the allegation. In one instance, an employee asks about how to set about winning a client's confidence. "Funny business, you know?" comes the reply. "Lure people into that calm and then just totally fuek 'em."

In one video-taped training on for new employees, a hank instructor is seen describing a hypothetical transaction between Sony, TBM and the bank.

What Bankers Trust can do... is get in the middle and rip them off - take a little monthe instructor says. He retracts the comment saying he has just realised that he

is being filmed.

The Bank claims that commeots such as these have been taken out of context. It also accuses P&G of bringing in the names of eight other companies that apparently sustained de-rivatives losses, including Sandoz, to distract attention from the company's own failure to manage its account properly and to understand the risks in-

Suggesting that P&G is in-dulging in "blackmait", the bank issued a statment saying, "What P&G has done is to use material we provided to manufacture a distorted view of transactions, markets, individuals and the corporation in a manner designed to serve it-

sown objectives and to obscure P&G's own accountability." Analysts warn, however, that the Bank is likely to suffer a further loss of reputation while the lawsuit goes on and suggest that it may be tempted to settle out of court. "Having their name dragged through the mud again is not a plus, and it could have a bad effect oo other parts of their business," commented David Berry, of Keefc Bruyette & Woods, a New York brokerage firm.

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Names to vote 'blind' for rescue

JOHN EISENHAMMET Financial Editor

Lloyd's Names are to vote at the end of November on whether they support plans to rescue the insurance market, but without an indication of how much this

could cost them. David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, confirmed yesterday that the society has abandoned its earlier commitment to provide individual Names at the end of the month with ao indication of the sum they must pay to eod their liabilities for old loss-making policies. He is not sure now that there will an indicative statement, as Lloyd's fudged its recovery timetable saying it needs more time to sort out the highly complex calcu-lations and negotiations. But Mr Rowland said the goal

will be met of setting up, by next spring, Equitas, a giant re-insurance company taking over all the old policies, enabling a new Lloyd's to trade profitably into the future. "We have seen nothing that leads us to be concerned about not meeting our deadline next spring. It would be foolish. if not morally wrong to say that if it were not true," said Peter Middletoo, chief executive.

Lloyd's also said its finances are in better shape than the forecasts cootained in the reconstruction and renewal plan at its launch in May.

In a letter to members yes terday, Mr Rowland said Lloyd's still aims to seek authorisation for Equitas from the Department of Trade and Industry before the end of the year. A key part of the reconstruction plan is that Names will be able to buy final resolution to all their liabilities with this cootribution to Equitas. In return all litigation against Lloyd's will cease,

To ease the pain for Names, the overall settlement package includes £2.8bn of debt forgiveness and credits to reduce individual contributions, Lloyd's bas been engaged in past months on complex computer calculations to establish the

"finality premiums". But instead of giving Names an indication de their Equitas premium, Lloyd's is now talking only of providing a good flow of informatioo". Negotiations with several of the parties that will influence the size of the Names' contributions are unresolved. In particular, Lloyd's is still battling with socalled personal stop-loss underwriters, who insured Names against losses. This is the last piece of the jigsaw," said Mr Middleton.

Because most of the stop-loss insurance has been written at Lloyd's and so involves Names covering other Names, it means that when these policies are fed into the overall calculation; some Names will have their Equitas premiums reduced while others will pay more.

Lloyd's is also trying to agree with auditors, managing agents and brokers how much they are prepared to cootribute to the overall settlement.

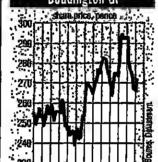
Mr Rowland conceded vesterday that the stop-loss talks are unlikely to be completed by the time Names are asked to voice their support for the res-

Greenalls to bid £500m for **Boddington**

JOHN WILLCOCK and JOHN SHEPHERD

Greenalls Group is poised to buy rival pub business Boddington for around £500m as consolidation in the overcrowded pubs market gathers

Earlier in the day Boddington admitted it had received an approach which might lead to a recommended offer. Industry sources said that Greenalls, the acquisitive group beaded by Peter Greenall, will offer Boddingtoo's sharebolders one share worth 450p for every two they own, or a mixture of shares and cash. Yesterday morning



the market sensed a bid was in the air, with many speculating it would be the brewer Whitbread, whose shares coded 7p down at 629p. Boddingtons shares soared

86p to 358p, well above the year's high of 295p. Some analysts said Greenalls would have to offer the equivalent of at least 400p a share to secure agreement from Boddington. The Manchester company

owns 450 pubs and sold the Boddingtons beer brand - "the cream of Manchester" - to Whitbread 7 years ago. The company has also developed a series of leisure villages, owns the drinks wholesalers chain Liquid Assets and runs several oursing homes.

Boddington was forced into making a formal announcement as its share price soared amid heavy dealings for what is a tightly-beld stock. It said any above the markert price.

Dealers reported beavy in-

terest in the stock from investors in Boddingtons' home area in the North West, where the highly acquisitive Greenalls Group is also based. There has been some pret-ONO JEMAMIJASO

ty inspirational buying of Bod-

were trading at around 144 francs (£18.37) compared with the 165 francs (£21.05) at which

the first tranche of shares were



2.7 million were traded vester-The Greenall family sold out of Greenalls several years ago, but Peter Greenall stays at the of family pubs, with the "Jun-gle Bungles" chain. It also owns Cellar 5 off-licences, drinks

The City still expects thousands of pubs to close, and further mergers are expected.

Regent Inns recently bid for Newt & Cucumber pubs but was

trumped by Morland, the Abingdon brewer. There was speculation yesterday about a and another 110 will go in sales oumber of possible deals: Vaux,

the brewer and Swallow Hotels owner based in Sunderland, may be targeted by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. Analysts also expect that if Whitbread cannot buy Allied Domecq out of Carlsberg-Tetley then it might go for Greene King's brewing arm instead. Carlsberg-Tetley is to close its

Photograph: Financial Times

Warrington brewery by October 1996 with the loss of 240 jobs; 150 will go at Burton oo Trent

French may shelve Renault sell-off plan

STEPHEN JESSEL

Plans by the French government to privatize the car giant Re-nault before the end of the year may have to be abandoned because of the weakness of the French stock market and the reto invest in France,

earlier this week. Yesterday Renault shares

luctance of foreign institutions "I do not want the state selling off its heritage at a knockdown price," Finance Minister Jean Arthuis said in an interview

offered in the initial stage of privatisation in November 1994 which cut the state's holding to a little over 50 per cent. Prospects for the firm improved recently, and the share price rose, wheo Prime Minister Alain Juppe announced the

continuation of a scheme to encourage owners of old vehicles to send them to hreakers' yards and buy oew cars.

one state-owned enterprise can ment is the continuing weakness be privatised before the eod of of the French stock market. be privatised before the eod of the year and it is looking in-creasingly likely that the chief candidate for a sell-off could be the aluminium firm Pechiney rather than Renault. The government desperate-

ly needs the revenue from privatisation sales to cut the budget deficit and was hoping to raise between 40 billion and 50 billion francs (£500m. to £637m.) from sales this year. So far only about 17 billion francs (£217m.) have been realized. The problem for the govern-

spectable rises on most other European bourses, the CAC 40 index is actually lower than it was at that time. Investors take the view that the most attractive state-owned companies-such as the petro-

cent with smaller hot re-

chemical giant ELF- have already been been privatised. Subsequent self-offs have at-

million for ELF to 800,000 for Whereas the Dow Jones index the latest privatisation, that of has risen 65 per cent since July1990 and the FT100 44 per the steel firm Usinor. Small investors in Eurotunnel have had their fingers badly burned and foreign investors

of takers- down from three

sceptical about the ability of the new French government to maintain the link with the German mark are rejuctant to buy into the French market. Investors calculate, too, that

the government's need to raise cash may force it to offer better terms for later privatisations tracted diminishing numbers of less attractive companies.

cue proposals next month. Rescue fund proposal for

Near power cuts on 'unusual day' cause fresh Grid worries

The committee which over-

sees the electricity industry's

trading pool is also believed to

be investigating the circum-stances surrounding the sudden shortfall on 19 July.

that, on what it described as an

"unusual day" in July, it had to

dig into its reserves to keep the

nation's lights burning.
A spokesman said: "There is

no legal obligation oo the grid

to keep the lights on but we do

it because we do the job pro-

fessionally. The reserves are

The National Grid confirmed

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

The Labour Party has called for an independent investigation into a crisis in the power supply industry which forced the National Grid Company to dig deep into reserves to prevent

The NGC was forced to take emergency action at one point in July because not enough generating plants in the south east of England were available to meet demand.

Brian Wilson, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said: "This is a deeply alarming revelation which confirms our fears about what is going on in the electricity industry since it became based on commercial relationships.

He added: "I am calling for

full independent inquiry into

this event to ensure that this

never happens again. The risks

involved are quite literally cat-

astrophic.

used quite often although not to this extent. But the act is that at the end of the day the grid did the job." He added: "We are charged with providing secure and economic supply but we cannot dic-

tate - we cannot force the generators to generate." One industry source rejected the suggestion that the generators were at fault. "It is the National Grid Company's job to assess demand in advance and

to call up plants in order to meet that demand. You would have thought that in mid-July this would not be too bard a joh to The oear-crisis emerges at an

embarrassing time for the Gov-ernment, which has been locked in discussions with the electricity company over the planned flotation of the grid, at present owned by the 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales. The companies reached

agreement in principle last week that the grid - worth about £3.5bn - should be demerged to shareholders in December and that a £50 rebate should be paid to customers shortly afterwards. The demerger plans have yet to be formally approved by shareholders and by the boards of the companies. It is also unclear exactwhat level of tax the Government will levy on the companies as a result of the sale.

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Lawyers acting for hundreds of savers who lost money through failed financial adviser Knigh Williams yesterday said the financial services industry should

set up a rescue fund for clients. Neil Micklethwaite, head of commercial litigation io the City law firm Dibb Lupton Broomhead, said every legal avenue would be explored to win ustice for the savers.

But he argued that time was - literally - running out for many of the mainly elderly savers involved in the Knight Williams Actioo Group. Mr Micklethwaite raised the

possibility of the City's senior watchdog, the Securities and Investments Authority, or other sectors of the financial industry, setting up an independent fund to help the savers. The fund would be similar

he suggested, to that of the Investors Compensation Scheme, Comment, Page 25 | the industry's own lifebelt. The

Knight Williams losers ICS has said it is unable to prioritise the Knight Williams investors over the heads of

equally desperate claimants. Knight Williams & Co, which went into liquidation in July. claimed to be a retirement specialist. Its savers argue they were told their money would be safe, and that oeither the risks of equity investments or the unusually high management charges on their funds were ever

properly explained to them. Kenneth Jordan, one of the action group's founder members, said: "I am in my 70s. Time is oot oo our side, members of our group are going down without getting any results from their claims for compensation."

Mr Micklethwaite admitted that drawn-out legal action may not be the best option. His suggestion of a special levy for the investors came despite, as he acknowledged, the relative failure of similar efforts in the City, including the fund for Maxwell pensioners.

Options under consideration by his firm include taking legal action against Knight Williams directors and others who contributed to the financial losses suffered by the savers. Using the law to force the SIB to take tougher action against Knight Williams, or disqualify their directors and staff from working in the financial industry again,

was also not ruled out. Other possible moves, such as forcing the investment management regulator, Imro, to take disciplinary action against one of the Knight Williams web of companies which is still trading, will be examined.

Neil Cooper, partner at chartered accountants Robson Rhodes, said his firm had also agreed to offer its services for free. A Robsoo Rhodes team will be helping the investors to prepare their case before the liquidator, so that they may be admitted as creditors of the Knight Williams company that

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"It is a strange logic that argues that the number of players has to be substantially reduced to give competition a chance but in the Alice in Wonderland world of electricity companies, it may actually be

true"

Reshaping electricity requires more debate

activity had better think again. A whole new raft of takeovers and alliances is under consideration - including, if the usually reliable rumour mill is correct, a second regional electricity company takeover by Scottish Power and the merger of East Midlands and Yorkshire. This is a party that shows no sign of abating, until the neighbours complain and send Inspector Lang to turn the music off.

The only obvious constraint is just how much consolidation the Government is prepared to allow. As things stand, the industry is divided into 19 moving parts - 12 regional electricity companies, 2 gencos, 2 Scottish power companies, two state-owned nuclear companies and one in Northern Ireland. All the bids to go through so far have been by outsiders and therefore do not involve any reduction in the number of play-

ers. That is about to change.

Provided Manweb shareholders do not lose their sanity by opting to remain inde-pendent (the sad and lonely fate of North-ern Electric should deter them), Scottish Power becomes today the first to achieve a consolidating takeover. Government clearance of the National Power and PowerGen bids will reduce the players by a further two but this is still a long, way from the consolidation industry executives believe would pro-

ity companies, it may be true. Nobody believes the regional electricity companies as they stand have the will or the guts to start paying any more than lip-service to compethion in domestic supply post its official introduction in 1998. But a smaller number

of more powerful players - ministers have alighted on six - might do the trick.

The more aggressive in the industry see it settling down into four or five majors with perhaps as many also-rans. The race to become one of the big four must involve a new wave of consolidation. While Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, appears to accept the mevitability and desirability of this, what is happening is a fundamental reshaping of the industry, which requires a more penetrating public debate than we have seen. The case for referring National Power and PowerGen grows stronger.

Going back to basics after Bankers Trust,

It is becoming hard to tell which is worst
the sales technique of Bankers Trust or
the naive way in which Procter & Gamble. one of America's biggest and toughest com-

ucts were right for the client, as long as they made a profit selling them.

The language revealed by the documents — such as the ROF (or Rip-Off Factor) — should join "greed is good" and the rest of the hrutal epithets of the 1980s in Wall Street's over-the-top lexicon of shame. BT will have a hard time repairing the damage done to its image by these disclosures and may find it wiser to settle out of court than see its affairs become the financial media equivalent of the OJ trial.

The papers du not show P&G in too good a light as a customer, either, judging by initial extracts. Erik Nelson, chief financial officer, told P&G's audit committee that no worst-case scenarios were tested to see what would happen if interest rates took off. We were betting that the financial markets wouldn't move against us. This, too, ran con-trary to our policy of knowing our risks up front ... our judgement was clouded by the belief that rates wouldn't rise quickly and that we understood the pricing formula, when in fact we didn't."

Derivatives remain an essential tool for modern husiness. It must be tempting for regulators to say "a plague on both your houses" and let the players get on with it. With large corporate clients, at least, more desirable and the players get on which it. dation industry executives believe would produce optimum efficiency and competition.

It is a strange logic that argues that the

Those who believe that things might be about to settle down in the electricity business after the last six months of hectic activities had been to care a fig about whether its product to give competition a chance but in the Alice-in-Wonderland world of electricas clients? These are disciplines that apply as much to toothpaste salesmen as to the purveyors of the products of Wall Street

rocket scientists Customers such as P&G - big grown-up companies - have no excuse either for not having the management systems in control risks and the nous to avoid the temptation to take a punt on interest rates at the wrong mnment. Above all, they must learn to understand the products.

Fault lines facing **G7** ministers

This has been a year in which the markets have presented challenge after challenge in the international financial community. The nrthodox view, which will be heard again in Washington as the Group of Seven finance ministers assemble for tomorrow's meeting, is that although the markets overreact they

are basically always right.

The logical answer to a market challenge is to improve policies to the point where traders can find nothing to which they can raise objections, and to improve surveillance so the authorities can be nearly as vigilant

The finance ministers' agreement in April to get the yen back down to a more manpurist view. The turning point was the coordinated currency intervention during the summer. But this weekend, fault lines will show between the Germans and the Japanese on one hand, and the Americans and French on the other. Conveniently for Kenneth Clarke, the British are sitting quietly in the middle while tensions among the others become more obvious.

Market speculation has focused on whether Robert Rubin, the imposing US Treasury Secretary, speaks for all members of the administration when he says a strong dollar is good for America. Investors suspect some officials still think a weaker dollar would be preferable. They also doubt the strength of Germany's commitment to further co-ordinated intervention in support the dollar, knowing the Bundesbank's traditional

reluctance to step in.

Despite these rifts, the mood in the corndors of Washington about the currency swings achieved so far is one of quiet satisfaction. Ministers' main attention will rest instead on progress on surveillance and on the IMF's ability in react to crisis, 10 months after the Mexican emergency. But the two areas of concern - currencies and the developing world - are linked by the same theme: can the finance ministers ever really tame the financial markets? As the Plaza agreement on currencies exactly 10 years ago proved, their successes are likely to be

Battle for Fisons: Bidder increases stakes

Warburg calls for dawn raid probe

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Rhone Poulenc Rorer yesterday raised its hostile bid for Fisons and snapped up 16.6% of its shares in the stock market. But the move was immediately attacked by Fisons bankers, SBC Warburg, who demanded an inquiry into the dawn raid carried out by RPR's adviser Hoare Govert.

Warburg complained to the Stock Exchange and Takeover Panel, as RPR increased its bid fisons had had talks with any for Fisons from 240p to 265p a other potential bidders, but share and raised its stake in the added that it would be unwise target to 16.6 per cent.

Fisons advisers were concerned about a number of share proaches were often made only irades registered around after the original offeror had have made it appear as though RPR had snapped up more of Fisons than it had.

It was unclear whether Hoare Govett was behind the con-tentious transactions, and in the heat of the moment it is possihle that the trades were mistakenly registered.

But the battle between Fisons and RPR has become increasingly hitter, and both sides are looking at ways to undermine their opponent's position. Hoare Govett were unavailable for comment.

RPR's renewed bid values Fisons at £1,83bn, RPR said its added that it reserved the right to raise it again should a third party bidder emerge or the

UK's Takeover Panel allow it. Stuart Wallis, Fisons' chief executive, said the final status of the second bid needed to be

"What I suspect is that it is final, but we would like that verified. Any other party would not want to reveal their hand until after Rorer's final bid." he said. Mr Wallis declined to say if

"to rule anything out." He maintained that apthat Fisons would be producing a full response to the RPR terms "in the next few days" which would challenge a number of the assertions in the

new offer document. Hc said if RPR wanted a recommendation from the Fisons board then it would have to raise its bid again - something the Takeover Panel clause in the offer document may allow.

"We don't feel the bid is something we would want to recommend," he said, declining to name a price for the firm. Robert Cawthorn, chairman of RPR said the new offer rerenewed bid was final, but flected both the intrinsic value

of Fisons and the value of its contribution in terms of RPR's future growth.

"It is difficult to see how this hid could be seen as undervaluing the combined group. RPR is offering a very hefty pre-mium," said Mr Cawthorn.

Rorer's second offer looks as if bidding war in the marketplace and is unwilling to pay any more just to get a recommen-dation from Fisons' board. Fisons said the near 15 per

Analysts say the pricing of the firm believes it can win the

cent stake picked up in the market by RPR yesterday morning had resulted from arbitrageurs taking profit rather than through institutional selling. stands 3p shy of the offer level at 262p. More than 250 million shares changed hands. Mr Wallis will be handsome-

ly rewarded by a takeover, thanks to his share options, which have risen in value as Fisons finances have improved. Together with compensation for the loss of his £315,000 a

year salary, Mr Wallis could walk away from his year at Fisons with around £2m. After a series of resignations following the revelations that profits had been inflated, Mr

Wallis moved swiftly to repair

Fisons balance sheet and rep-



Back in the black: a buoyant Alan Sugar yesterday

Photograph; Jane Baker

Amstrad in buying mood

MATHEW HORSMAN

Back in black and increasingly hit the acquisition trail, with as much as £300m to spend on compatible companies.

"We are not interested in small acquisitions," Alan Sug-ar, company chairman, said vesterday. But the usually outspoken Mr Sugar refused to specify sectors where the company might expand.

Amstrad announced pre-tax profits in the year to June of £3.1m, compared to a loss to June 1994 of nearly £20m. The results were ahead of expectations, helping fuel a 12.5p rise in the share price to 268 5p. The small profit reverses four years of time it took to receive apof red ink at one of the fastest- proval for the Dancall digital

growing companies in the mobile phone technology in 1980s. David Rogers, chief executive, said the figures proved ed the operations were about way.". However, be added that "we won't be satisfied until we Dancall spent £8m last year on building up its manufacturing ophave positive growth at ACE", erations, and hopes to sell about 800.000 handsets a year, Total the company's main consumer

electronics division, and makcapital expenditure was £14m. ers of the trademark Amstrad The mobile phone market is computers, faxes and other believed to he Amstrad's best chance of regaining momentum Viglen, the computer comin the consumer electronics pany bought last year for an inisector. Other new products intial consideration of £30m, clude Dataflex, an all-in-one fax, performed in line with expecmodem and answerphone that Mr Sugar calls the "all-singing, tations, he said, while Dancall, the mobile phone manufacturall-dancing product".

Analysts said the full year results were encouraging and ex-Mr Sugar hlamed the length pected profits to rise sharply this vear and next. Investment Cotumn, page 27 | ers and retailers."

Fleet market drop hits car sales figures

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Economic problems facing the UK motor industry were underlined yesterday with figures showing that new car sales fell last month because of a decline in the flee! market.

Despite some evidence of improved sales in the retail market, the industry doubts whether the rise can be sustained and called for help from next month's budget.
Ford suffered a big drop in

market share, as total UK sales fell 3.4 per cent to 140,069 in September against the same period last year, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Compared to 21.09 per cent m

August and an average of 21.52 per cent so far this year.

The company blamed the ociety of Motor Manufactur-rs and Traders. The company blamed the The figure took total sales for fall on distortions caused by the

0.37 per cent ahead of the Jan-

uary-September total in 1994. Ernie Thompson, SMMT chief executive, said: "There is evidence of some renewed inlerest in the private sector, but this is offsel by a decline in the fleet market.'

He added: "Despite suggestions that the August total had been distorted by pulling reg-istrations forward, September looks better than might have heen expected. However, the year-to-date total demonstrates that there is little growth in the market overall and this continues to worry both manufactur-

Neil Marshall, director at the Retail Motor Federation, believes the small rise in retail sales in September was due to delayed purchases from the annual August registration change, and would not continue, He said: "The market has

stalled in September after a tough August. The Chancellor really must do something to put zip into the market. The fiscal noose around the consumer should be loosened."

Ford saw its market share slip to 18.72 per cent last month, compared to 21.69 per cent in

ending of promotional offers during that month.

Ford had been accused of rushing through thousands of registrations at the end of Angust lo keep up its market share, something which could not be sustained in September. However, the company denied

Rover, after a disappointing August, took 13.62 per cent of the market and managed to get both its Rover 100 and 200 models in the top ten sellers' list. Jaguar also had a good month - selling 728 cars compared with 416 in September

Further cuts in fixed-rate home loans

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Lenders desperate to grab a slice of a shrinking market for home loans are dropping rates on their long-term fixed rate mortgages by up to 2 per cent.

The fall in the cost of long-

sterm morigage rates in the past three months has been far greater than the headline-grabbing drop of about 0.4 per cent last month. Both would-be and existing

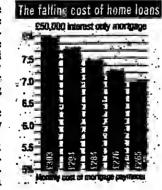
borrowers on variable rate mortgages were then offered cuts averaging £13 a month on an average £50,000 loan. The decision to slash rates

fixed over three and five years cut of £100 in the monthly cost by about 0.75 per cent has meant savings of twice that amount for new horrowers entering the market. In some cases the savings have been

Olive Thompson, mortgage editor at MoneyFacts, the monthly investment and mortgage guide said: "What we are finding is that there is increased competition, particularly among some of the larger lenders who are now appearing in our best-buy charts.

"All fixed rates have gone down compared to what they were a few months ago." Money Facts tables show that Britannia Building Society recently reduced the cost of a fiveyear fixed interest loan from an admittedly high 9.34 per cent in a market-beating 7.24 per cent. The 2.1 per cent drop means a

of a £50,000 mortgage. Nationwide has cut its twoyear fixed loan from an uncompetitive 7.19 per cent in June to 5.49 per cent. Woolwich's two-year fixed mortgage



now costs 4.99 per cent compared with a rate of 6.49 per

Ian Darby, a director at John Charcol, the UK's largest mortgage hroker, said yesterday: "Most building societies are not hedging short fixes on the mon-

"They are linking them directly to the cuts in the standard variable rate. In practice, whatever the variable reduction, the fixed rate drops also."

Mr Darby singled out Port-

man, Bradford & Bingley and Skipton building societies as those with the deepest fixed Over longer periods, lenders

are henefiting from the money markets' backing of the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in his battle against base rate rises with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

But competition is forcing them to cut prices even further. Nick Deutsch, chief executive at First Mortgage Securities, one of the UK's top centralised lender, said: "There's no point in beating about the hush. "If we offer a 4.75 per cent

we are losing money in the process. But the customers want it and the hope is that we can keep them for a longer pe riod after the fixed period ends so that we can start to make money then.' Mr Deutsch said competition

electronic equipment.

er, came in under forecasts

due to delays in production.

was forcing lenders to cut the cost of lnans and slash their margins despite the absence, so far, of a corresponding downward move in hase rates. In some cases, mortgage rate

reductions are used to cement building societies borrowers lovalty. Yorkshire Building So-ciety, has reduced its variable rate to 7.85 per cent for existing borrowers. Mr Darby said that other re-

ductions were being offered by societies which hoped to grah a greater share of the loan market in advance of their aban-

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HALIFAN	INTERNATIONAL	L GOLD 90
£100,000+	6.50	6.31
£50,000+	6.25	6.08
£25,000+	6.00	5.84
£10,000+	5.80	5.65
HALIFA	X INTERNATION	AL GOLD
£100,000+	6.00	5.84
£50,000+	5.80	5.65
£25,000+	5.60	5.4 6
£10.000+	5.40	5.27
£5,000+	4.85	4.75
£500+	3.90	3.83

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Racal unveils phone calls from the clouds it charges \$8 a minute or \$13 - halfway across the Atlantic no dard.

TOM STEVENSON

Life gol tougher for slackers, philanderers and Luddites yesterday as Racal and Swissair conspired in put you on the end of a phone even at 30,000 feet.

Those who relish the luxury of being incommunicado will be relieved, however, that the inaugural London-Geneva flight of Swissair's short-haul satellite phone service had its glitches. The airline made two errors. inst it invited journalists to test the system, Europe's first, ai-

most guaranteeing gremlins.

And to compound the problem.

it offered free ealls to anywhere in the world, successfully jamming the system. A diligent attempt to touch have with the office from above Calais was still waiting in line as it makes no difference whether

the Airbus passed Auxerre. II was probably an unfairly demanding test. Swissair reck-

ons its long hanl flights usualgenerate only about nine calls, easting doubts on whether the system will ever pay for itself in its current guise as a service to passengers.

Free calls proved irresistible, with one caller more than satisfied with the reception on his 15 minute chat with Australia. At a flat \$8.60 a minute, howover, the reluctance of callers is perhaps understandable, even if

one long-haul passenger has

managed to log a call lasting two

hours and three minutes. Fax transmission is technically feasible, but at \$40 a sheet, demand is reported to be slow. Interestingly, Swissair reckons if you really need to make a call from the air, you're probably not paying for it anyway.

Actually, if you really do want a hit of peace and quiet in the air, you are safe for the time being. For security reasons, incoming messages have to be left in the cockpit. It's up to the passenger to swipe a credit card and return the call. The ability to make calls

around the globe from above the clouds will grah the imagination, but according to Racal, what the airlines are really excited about is the enormous scope for cost savings the system potentially offers over current, worryingly imprecise procedures. Something airlines are loath

Apart from the fact that airlines will have to adopt the system because only wired up planes will get the best routes. the savings should mean that to shout about is the fact thal these systems become stan-

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Satellite communications.

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One estimate puts the po-tential savings at \$250,000 per

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consortium of Racal, Honeywell, Sita. Claircom and Immarsat, the satellite operatornot surprisingly talk with star-·ry-eyed enthusiasm about the potential for salellite communications in the air. Teleconferencing between

offices will become routine, they believe. If you really can't wait, you can check your electronic mail in Washington while you jet from London to Lisbon. Eventually it is hoped to provide real-time share prices in the

travelling executives and their

bel of languages. This is the future and it looks pretty stressful. Investment Column, page 27

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Faster response required in the fight against future financial crises. Diane Coyle reports from Washington

Emergency funds set to double

Fund expects its members to agree this weekend to a doubling of its emergency funds. one of the most important steps towards improving its ability to

Finance ministers gathering in Washington on the eve of the IMF's annual meeting will approve proposals to provide a \$50bn-plus fighting fund to tackle emergencies like the Mexican financial crisis. The new arrangement should be in place by next spring.

Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, said yesterday: "This is a very important and timely initiative." The Group of Seven (G7) in-dustrial countries agreed at However, progress on ex-tending the GAB has been



to a significant extension to the IMF's General Arrangements to Borrow. These are a \$27 hillion overdraft facility provided by the G7 and the four other countries - Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland – which make up the G10. The decision was a reaction to the Mexican financial crisis, even though the Fund financed its \$17.8 billion loan to Mexico out of its own resources.

slowed by oegotiations to involve other countries. Austria. Australia and Korea, for example, are being approached for contributions to a new, parallel arrangement to the existing GAB. Although the non-G7 members of the G10 fear dilu-tion of their influence, their big-ger partners believe it is essential to make other important economies take up their responsibilities to the international community.

Terms of the new parallel arrangement are still under dis-

cussion but Mr Camdessus said yesterday: "I hope they come to a decision as rapidly as possible. We need to have a mechanism permanently in place."
The IMF has failed, though,

in another bid to increase its resources. Ministers are unlikely to agree to a general increase in the subscriptions paid by member countries. As another part of its post-

Mexico improvements, the Fund expects to have stricter standards for economic statistics provided by members in place by next April: 12 basic measures that all couotries must provide monthly, and a more demanding standard for countries that borrow in the in-

was working oo making the informatioo available electronically to the financial markets. "One of the best ways for countries to protect themselves against erratic behavioor by the financial markets is to provide all the relevant data. Markets hate surprises," he said.

The Mexican crisis, which triggered the flurry of activity to improve the IMF's surveillance procedures and financial re-sources, is well on its way to resolution, Mr Camdessus said. The country had met the IMF's economic conditions and would qualify for another \$1.6bn disbursement in mid-November on top of the \$12bn it has already



Ministers to decide on crisis plan

A new report financed by the Treasury and Bank of England on how to deal with international financial crises, published today, is likely to win backing from finance ministers meeting in Washington this weekend.

Drawing on the lessons of the Mexican crisis at the beginning of this year, it suggests reforms of the process for restructuring a country's debts. The report concludes that one of the key improvements would be to stop the "rush for the exit" - the flight of capital

when a country first runs into

Every investor has an incen-Live to be one of the first to bail out before the country's financial markets collapse too far. But all would be better off if the stampede leading to the collapse could be prevented.

The authors, Barry Eichengreen and Richard Portes of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, propose allowing the International Monetary Fund to impose a payments standstill.

They also suggest countries offer new types of bond contracts, backed by the IMF, which would prevent a few investors refusing a debt restructuring de-

sired by the majority.

A second problem addressed by the report is that debt restructuring can be a painfully

agency to supervise negotiations with creditors and transmit in-Thirdly, it suggests improved procedures for reacting to a crisis. The response of the international financial community

to the Mexican problems early

this year was confused and ad

hoc, the authors argue. It also relied on the happy chance that the IMF had plenty of funds in its coffers at the

Sarah Howard, managing director of the City wine bar chain,

Bank mid-year meetings six mooths ago plans to increase the Fund's emergency resources have been in progress. long process. It suggests a new

This weekend's meetings are likely to hring an agreement to increase the "General Arrangements to Borrow" - the IMF's overdraft facility with its sharebolder countries - and formalise the emergency financing mechanism.

Some G7 countries such as Germany will not be persuaded easily that there is a need to interfere with the financial marFrost hits back at fuel claim

Frost Group, the quoted petrol retailer, yesterday issued a writ for damages against the Retail Motor Industry Federation in a row over claims that its fuel can damage our engines.

The federation had said that new petrol, to be sold through many of Frost's 1,250 Save outlets, may be bad for engines, a claim supported by Rover Group and Shell.

James Frost, chairman of Frust Group, the fifth largest petrol retailer in the UK, said the RMI had failed to provide satisfactory evidence to back its claim. The RMI issued a press release making these claims, which was followed up by the media throughout the country. It is not yet possible to assess the damage," Mr Frost said. The writ does not put a figure on the elaim for damages.
Frost's new lead-free petrol

includes an additive that makes it suitable for cars using leaded four-star fuel. Frost said the petrol gives the same perfor-

mance as leaded four-star.
The RMI had reported Frust to the trading standards department, urging prosecution of the petrol was not suitable. The organisation, which issued its press release last month, vesterday declined to comment.

Since coming to the stock market in 1991 with 80 service stations. Frost has grown rapidly, and in July paid £83m for Burmah Castrol's petrol retail

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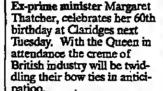
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Lucy Roberts



PR supremo Sir Tim Bell insists be bas oo idea who is going, but tells me that "Lord Hansoo of course will be there, as will I." Those not invited probably have urgent business abroad. Curious to note that Lowe Bell Financial, one of Sir Tim's. PR companies, has scheduled its own annual drinks party for the following night. In the world of public relations timing is everything.

Richard Gamble of Royal Insurance is cock-a-boop at the news that Paul Spencer, associate director and treasurer at Hanson for nine years, has decided to come on board as finance director from January. At 45, Spencer hrings with him a serious corporate pedigree having worked for Rolls Royce. British Leyland and ICI's



Tim Bell: among the birthday guests

pensioo fund. Gamhle, who was finance director at British Airways before his arrival at Royal, tells me that Spencer has been looking to make the move to finance director for some time.

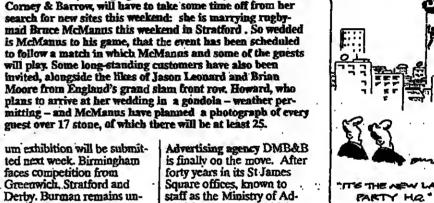
Roger Burman, chairman of the Birmingham National Exhibitioo Centre will be nibbling his nails over the weekend. The final bids to host the year-long Millenni-



ted next week. Birmingham faces competition from Greenwich, Stratford and Derby. Burman remains un-"At least we are here ready and waiting and able to cope," he says. "Look what happened to other purpose built sites, the British Pavil-

um exhibition will be submit-

oo at the 1992 EXPO m Seville is now packed up in a container somewhere in a Brent warehouse." For those who doubt Birmingham's ability to cope, a spokesman for the NEC points out that its own sewerage works bas sufficient spare capacity to cope. Well that's all right then.



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When the recently departed father of Babycham. Francis Showering, decided he wanted to advertise his merry perry on TV he set off for the offices of JWT. When he got there be discovered they were all out to lunch. but the receptionist mentioned that there were some other 'advertising types' up on the sixth floor. Showering went up and met the Masius mob and 'I'd love a Babycbam' was born.

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Merger of top law firms ends 21-year feud

NIC CICUTTI

Three senior partners at one of Britain's largest personal injury and trade union law firms are quitting their jobs in a row over a re-merger of rival prac-tices set up by two fending

Colin Ettinger, Sara Lesley and Alison Eddy are leaving Robin Thompson & Partners to set up the London office of a major rival, Irwin Mitchell. Yesterday, sources claimed their decision to resign fol-

lowed their opposition to the merger with Brian Thompson & Partners, a firm set up by the hrother of their own founder. The planned fusion of the two Thompson firms will end a 21-

year split between their broth-

ers, Rohin and Brian, and create Britain's largest employment law specialists. At recent meetings of both firms' senior partners, the majorities in favour of merger

were at least 10 to 1. But the move is still opposed by some staff, who claimed the junior ranks were not consulted: There are a number of people, some of them senior, many more below equity partner level, who are oot in favour," one

insider alleged. "Some feel that the merger is partly aimed at bailing out Brian Thompson & Partners, which has been less successful

David Thompson, grandson of the firm's founder, who will bead the combined partnership wheo the fusion is com-

rect that three of our partners are not joining the new firm. I regret they are not going to be part of it. We will be sorry to lose

"Our view is that the market place is getting more competitive. This merger is a means of us becoming more effective." He denied suggestions of a bail-out by one firm of the other: "Both are highly successful

and will gain from the merger." The two Thompson firms. with 13 offices and almost 750 staff, are widely regarded as the elite among trade union and employment specialists. Last year they won settlements of £119m for union members.

Among the organisations they act for are virtually all the TUC affiliated unions, including those representing engineering and transport workers, teachers, firefighters, printers, bakers and the public sector union. Unison.

The company's bead office operates out of TUC headquarters in London and several of its senior staff were in Brighton this week attending the Labour Party conference.

The merger ends a split between Brian and Robin Thompson which dates back to 1974. Both brothers ran the partnership inherited when their father died in 1947. The origins of the feud are believed to relate to political and professional differ-The claims were rejected by ences. Both brothers, oow semi-retired, have given their

blessing to the merger. The three departing partners could oot be contacted for

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Edwards THE INVESTMENT COLUMN firm still Educate TOM STEVENSON Satellite gives Racal a boost in BFL bidding

DAVID HELLIER

Sources close to Coal Investments, the coal mining compamy run by the former British Coal executive, Malcolm Edwards, yesterday rejected rumours that money-raising difficulties had led to it pulling out of the hidding for the coal subsidiary of the British Fuels Group (BFL), nne of British Coal's last surviving businesses.

"We're still very much there," a source close to the company said. There have been industry warries about Coal Investment's hid ever since the company, which is spending heavily nn investment for its coal mining operations, put out a prof-its warning last month.

There is also concern that Coal Investments' management has enough nn its agenda without the further worries caused by a hid for BFL Coal.

However, a source said that a bid would not have been made if it were felt the company could not find management of the right calibre, and the same source said any funding for a successful bid would not cume from the equity market.

The Coal Investments bid involves a very innovative form of funding, which is unusual for a public company," said ooe source with knowledge of the

It is believed that three bids, including one from Coal Investments and another from the management team, went in to the Government's advisers on the deal. Samuel Montagu, earlier this week. The bids are said to have been up to £50m for BFL's coal business, while there are separate bidders for BFL Oil. The solid fuel business in Northern Ireland, meanwhile, has attracted much attention.

The sale of BFL, ooe of the country's biggest distributors of solid fuels and petroleum products, began in April. The management buyout team is believed to have backing from Apax, the specialist vecture capital finance house, and the third bidder is believed to be Fernwood, a Hull-based, private coal importing company. RJB Mining, which bought most of England's minefields from British Coal at the beginning of the year, is not believed to be one of the bidders.

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The lannch yesterday of the latest satel-lite communications product from Racal's joint venture with Honeywell confirms that, in some areas at least, the company is still at the firefront of technological developments. Apart from the obvious advantages of providing business travellers with the means to keep in touch, the ability to track aircraft precisely will be hugely attractive to airlines. It is good oews for a company which, after years of effortless progress, when its share price soared, has had to come to terms with, corporate middle-aged spread, looking enviously at

younger, fitter businesses developing products and bringing them to market rapidly. Racal has struggled to keep up.
Most recent figures confirmed that the company's large and vital data products division, which churns out modems, credit-card terminals and computer peripherals, remained mired in management and technical prob-

lems. Even including the Camelot

share, which oo some measures was

overstated anyway, the division's return oo sales was still a measly 4 per cent. The company is actively considering a sale of the operation, or a joint ven-ture to share the pain, and, in the face of increased competition from small niche producers in the US able to deliver cheaply tailured products to the market, it is difficult to see how tinkering around the edges with admittedly pretty sweeping management

changes can really help. Racal will thank its bucky stars it took a flutter oo the Lottery. On current forecasts Racal's share of Camelot's profits could amount to £16m in the year to next March, making it the single largest contributor to group results. That is good and bad news.

Giveo receot hints from the evangelical socialist wing of new Labour, the risk of regulatory or political interference in the Lottery has increased markedly and investors must question the extent to which those earnings can be seen as a high-quality profits stream. Over the years, Racal has been a fan-

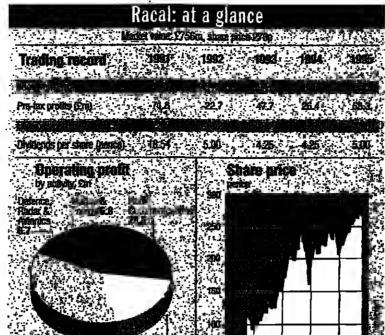
tastic iovestmeot. Since 1985 the shares have risen more than 10-fold as its chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison, has ourtured businesses like Vodafooe and Chubb and cashed in wheo they were mature enough to leave the nest. Analysis have argued that actions to realise the underlying value of its businesses could enable the share price to approach 330p.

That looks optimistic given the cur-reot share price of 270p, which on forecast profits before tax this year of £74m implies a pretty demanding price/earnings ratio of 16. With no support from a forward yield of 2.8 pc that takes a lot on trust.

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Amstrad rewards patience, at last

Patient investors may finally see their virtue rewarded, as Amstrad at last which it has been wallowing since to the 250p level. Confirmation yesterday that the corner had indeed been turned pushed the price over 260p.

Amstrad has suffered in the past

from the at-times overbearing behaviour of its founder and guiding spirit, Alan Sugar. But Mr Sugar's marketing skills are still appreciated in the City,

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272m (239m)

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even more so now that he has recruit-ed the excellent David Rogers, the com-pany's much admired chief executive. The pair managed to wrestle with

Amstrad's two major problems in the course of the past year: over-reliance emerges from the sea of red ink in on the underperforming ACE - makers of the old-line Amstrad computers 1991. The recovery had been expect-ed since early this year, taking shares start at Dancall, the mobile phone company nn which Amstrad is pinning so much of its hopes.

An aggressive move into cellular phone manufacturing is surely a good move. Companies such as Nakia and Ericsson have kept investors happy with climbing earnings and strong profits, riding a worldwide boom for mobile

EPS.

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10.4p (7.5p)

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Dividend

2.5p (2.5p)

7.3p (6.7p)

0.1p (0.1p)

0.5p (nil)

phones. Like satellite dishes in the 1980s, the mobile phone looks like a real winner. ACE is still performing poorly, but management has managed to cut inventories and expand sales

through catalogue direct sales.

A four-month delay at Dancall has hurt the shares a bit this year, but assurances that nutput should rise in about 800,000 handsets a year were enconraging. Viglen, bought last year for an initial £30m, performed in line with expectations, suggesting Mr Sugar still knows how to pick his way through the acquisitions maze. He promises more of the same, spending perhaps £300m in cash and shares.

Pre-tax profits are forecast to rise to £25.5m in year ending June 1996, and perhaps £45m the year after, for a current year multiple of six times. Cheap anyway, but particularly in light of the company's cash-rich status. Amstrad has squirrelled away £141.9m at the bank. With forecasts like those and the improvement from mobile phones,

Strategy pays off at Storehouse

Keith Edelman of Storehouse is still pursuing better margins in preference to sales at both British Home Stores and Mothercare, and the strategy seems to be paying off in spite of four months of poor weather for clothing

sales in the last six. Allowing for the disposal of One Up, group sales in the six months to Oc-tober 14 should be between 1 and 2 per cent ahead of last year, the company told a group of institutions and analysts yesterday. Like for like sales will be down at British Home Stores but

Mothercare continues strong trading. Customer discounts on Choice, the group card will be relaxed, allowing points earned up to Christmas to be carried over. Six oew BhS stores will be open by then and existing stores are being revamped and extended.

The sales mix at Mothercare has moved significantly in favour of clothing, where margins are much higher than in hardware. But better stock control is the real key to continuing improvement.

Analyst Andrew Hughes at PDSB is expecting interim profits to reach £28.5 million, against £24.2 million at the same stage last year but is leaving his full-year forecast at £110 millioo,

up 20 per ceot. The shares edged up a penny at 301p but they have come a long way from the low a year ago. The City curreotly prefers them to M&S, and eveo at

2.2p (2.5p) 1.3p (1.3p) 0.03p (0.22p) 20 times earnings there should be more to come. Crisis deepens at Eurotunnel

RUSSELL HOTTEN

The City today gets further details of Eurotunnel's mounting financial crisis with the publication of half-year results forecast to be worse than expected.

After Eurotunnel's suspensioo of interest payments last month, some analysts now believe losses for the first half will be around £50m more than

first thought, at over £400m. Analysts are also hoping Eurotunnel will give an indication nf the expected full-year losses, as the company's last forecast in May 1994 of about £580m is completely out of date.

As well as looking for news of the company's legal action with the TML consortium and negntiations with the rail operators, any indication of traffic forecasts will be welcomed. Eurotunnel engaged in a fierce price war with the ferry companies this summer, and news about the operational outlook is crucial to a revised agreement

with Eurotunnel's banks. On 14 September Eurotunoel suspended interest payments on junior debt for up to 18 months. The firm said its bankers agreed to review their accords during that time, but analysts said Eurotunnel's oext slim.

step could be to declare that 18

months is not long ennugh.

Many analysts believe the company is headed towards a debt-equity swap with its creditors, perhaps in the form of a convertible bond issue reserved for the banks.

Eurotunnel is also seeking to renegotiate the contracts with rail operators British Rail and SNCF, which use the tunnel for their Eurostar service. Yesterday Reuters news agency said the agreement with BR and SNCF gives Eurotunnel a fixed rate of around Fr100 per rail passenger using the tunnel. A fixed rate means Euro-

tunnel does not benefit from any rail ticket price increases. Also, the railways' policy of targeting premium passengers
- such a business travellers goes against Eurotunnel, which would rather shift larger numbers of people. It was thought

that Eurotunnel was holding out

for an increase of 60 per cent in the fixed rate it receives per Eurotunnel also recently launched a fresh claim against the TML consortium of Anglo-French building contractors, but its chances of squeezing more money out of TML are

Shannon linked to **County Casuals bid**

DAVID HELLIER

John Shannoo, the former chairman and chief executive of County Casuals, yesterday emerged as a possible bidder for the company he left just one day after a profits warning.

The board of Country Casuals said vesterday it had received an approach from Ciro Holdings, a company controlled by Mr Shannon in connection with a possible bid for the company.

Shares in the company, a manufacturer and retailer of ladies' fashion wear, moved 19p higher to 134p nn the an-

Mr Shannoo left Country immediately after the profits warning and after a row about the length of his service contract. Mr Shannon, who still

owns oearly 20 per ceot of the shares in the company, wanted his cootract, which reverted to being a ooe-year one, exteoded to two or three years but the board refused to sanction such an increase.

Country Casuals said vesterday the timing of Mr Shannon's approach was "opportunistic" and the level of the possible offer did oot reflect the potential

of the Group. Ciro Holdings is believed to be a company taken over by Mr Shannon earlier this year. In his move on Country Casuals Mr Shannon is being advised by the accountants, Robson Rhodes.

Last month the company said Casuals in September last year it had reduced its half-year losses from £1.49m to £1.05m, partly thanks to the disposal of its loss-making Koto fashion Telephone Share Dealing

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Second-liners advance amid takeover speculation

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yesterday. The FT-SE 250 index closed advanced 7.5 points to an all-time high of 3,991_3 amid rumours that several takeover bids were about to be unleashed, particularly in the pub retailing and oil sectors.

An advance of 0.3 of a point

to 3,544.4 was recorded by the FT-SE 100 index. Only two of the top 100 shares managed double-digit gains: Legal & General, the life assurance group, which rose 15.5p to 616.5p, and General Accident, the composite insurer, which gained Again, the driving force was speculatioo.

A merger between the two is seen as more of a possibility rather than a straight takeover bid by one for the other.

Speculation about a foreign buyer for L&G has also surfaced in recent months. Total volume trading topped

Leading shares were in the shadow of second-line stocks. Some 21 per cent of the total figure, however, related to Rhone Ponlenc's raid on shares in Fisons after it increased its takeover terms from 240p to

> The first of the expected fresh wave of bids to roll off the production lines, however, may be for Boddington, the Man-chester-based pub and leisure company. Greenalls, the rival North West pub operator, is the hot favourite to make an all-share offer valuing Boddington at around £500m.

Boddington yesterday had to announce it was in bid talks as its shares soared during rea-sonably heavy trading for what is a tightly-held stock. The price closed 86p higher at 358p, comfortably above the year's high of 295p.

There was also a separate ru-

mour that Vanx, the Sunderland-based regional brewer.

MARKET REPORT

also find itself on the receiving end of a bid. Wolverhampton & Dudley, based in the Mid-lands but also the owner of the North-East Camerons brewery, is the favoured suitor. Wolverhampton's shares advaoced 8p to 547p and Vaux gained 15p to 300p, which values the

These potential deals are all seen as being part and parcel of the inevitable consolidation of the pub and brewing industries. Additional evidence

JOHN SHEPHERD

of Denmark. The excitement about Boddington and Vaux lifted Greene King, best known for its Abbot and Greene King IPA beers, by 41p to 633p - just 2p below its year's high. Greene King is struggling to make money from brewing outside its East company at more than £420m. Anglia heartland. Competition in the free-trade is fierce, and wholesale prices of beers are being kept low by an on-going fight by the big brewers for market share.

of the process was vesterday provided by Allied Domecq, down 6p 526p, which announced the closure of its brewery of Warrington, part of its joint venture with Carisberg in the string of pub companies lining up to float on the stock market. They include Enterprise Inns, Tom Cobleigh, and

Century Inns.

Fresh news on how the independent pub operators are performing will be provided to-day by results from JD Wether-spoon, up 3p to 633p. Regent Inns, which floated not long after Wetherspoon a coople of years ago, yesterday climbed to another high with a 12p rise to

Takeover talk was not only confined to the pub and brew-ing sector. There was speculation that Atlantic Richfield was poised to increase its aggressive £160m, 61p a share offer for Aran Energy to between 70p and 75p.

The oil sector is also viewed by analysts as being ripe for consolidation, particularly in the light of steady crude oil price over the last couple of years. Top of the list of speculative favourites are Premier Oil, 0.5p firmer at 28.5p, and Clyde Petroleum. Shares in

get for Monument Oil & Gas, are trading at 55p. Hardy Oil & Gas, rumoured as another bid candidate, continued its re-

cent strong run with o 4p gain to a year's high of 195p. British Steel was one of the biggest fallers among the heavyweight division, drop-ping 5.75p to 175.25p. Trading was heavy with almost 14 million going through the books.

Damage was mainly caused by analysts at SBC Warburg predicting the company would have to cut its dividend payments next year from 12.5p to There were also reports that two other leading broking

houses were preparing to downgrade expectations. Amstrad shares were in de-mand, closing 12.5p higher at 268.5p on the back of its lat-est results and a hint from Alan Sugar, the chairman, that it

There was excitement in early dealings that United News & Media was poised to sell the Sunday Express and Daily Express. The rumour has been around for months. but the reasons for yesterday's rise of 9p to 538p were eventually traced to Panmure Gordon which had issued a buy recommendation on the

back of good prospects for

United's other activities.

TAKING STOCK

Savills has bought a initial 20 per cent stake in the youthful firm of stockbrokers Killik & Co. Killik was founded only six years ago by Paul Killik, formerly of Quilter Goodison, and Matthew Orr. Savills is providing a £500,000 capital facility in exchange for the stake. The holding will rise to 25 per cent if Killik uses another £500,000 facility

may soon speed its £140m pot 1 billion shares, one of the best pubs and hotel operator may of cash on more acquisitions. Clyde, seen as a takeover tar-SHARE PRICE DATA Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price carnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by last year's carnings per share, excluding exceptional items. BANKS, MERCHANT Cater Atlant
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Britain in

bid for

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British athletics is seeking a

£10m development grant to

keep pace with other countries

as campaigns get under way to bring the World Championships

and Olympics to this country.
Peter Radford, the executive

chairman of the British Athlet-

ic Federation, said yesterday

that if the government could not

provide the money, the rules of

the National Lottery should be

changed to allow a lump sum to be donated. "Other govern-

ments are pumping considerable sums into their athletic

federations," he said. "We have

to make sure that our athletes

are not disadvantaged on their

The British Olympic Asso-

ciation has announced its in-

tention to hid for the 2008

Olympics, and Radford is cur-

rently lobbying hard to bring the

World Championships of 2001

to these shores. "They must come to Britain," he said. "We

must show the world that we

can and will do it. If we don't

get support, we simply have

good ideas that wither on the

vine. But that is not going to

Radford laid out a six-point

plan for the season leading

into next summer's Olympics.

Contracts for athletes pay-

ments would be sorted out far

earlier, he said, io an effort to

avoid the row with Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and

John Regis which disfigured last season. He has already spoken

to Christie and Jackson, and

plans to set up a forum for athletes to voice their opinions to

More flexible ticket pricing,

involving discounts for family

groups, is one of the initiatives

aimed at increasing attendances

in a domestic programme which

will contain the same number

of events as last year. Olympic

selection policy will be aonounced oo 8 November.

Challenge for

Dover to

turn the tide

Non-League sotebook

When your side is stranded at

the bottom of the table and has

lost nine games in a row, 8 trip to the league leaders is a tough prospect. That is what faces

Dover Athletic tomorrow, when

they travel to Kidderminster

The Kent club made a good start to their GM Vauxhall Con-

ference campaign, winning at

Northwich Victoria, but have lost

every league match since. Peter

Taylor, previously in charge at

Southend United, succeeded

John Rvan in the manager 5 of-

fice last week and wasted little time in reinforcing his squad. In

came Martin Hayes, the former Arsenal and Celtic forward, and

Tony Rogers, back from Chelms-

ford City for his second spell at

it's not impossible," Taylor said last night. "I've seen good signs

since I came here, despite the

results. I think we'll have things

Dover found no change of fortune in the FA Cup - they were heaten by Bognor Regis in

the first qualifying round last

month - and there are opportunities for further upsets in 10-

morrow's third qualifying round. There are seven Conference

teams involved and all have

home ties, with Telford United.

who face Halesowen Town, per-

haps the most vulnerable.

sorted out within a month."

"This job is a challenge, but

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Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Smouldering Cigar awaits challengers

dery never did a tap and although the borse wouldn't have won he could certainly have fin-

The jockey, clearly upset at the verdict, said: "There's no

point appealing against the de-cision. Nobody's won an appeal

for three and a half years."

Fends in racing's fendal system,

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ished third or fourth."

For those who have backed Halling for the Breeders' Cup, Empereur, the winner of last tomorrow's may be a sleepless night following film of a monster from outer space.

Sky Sports Chaonel is lo beam to two races from Belmont Park's Breeders' Cup preview day, one of which will feature Cigar, whom the Americans, in the most pleasant way possible, regard as a freak. According to the Las Vegus odds makers he is the one horse that stands between Halling and

Cigar lines up io the Jockey owns Cigar).

ASCOT

2.30: With David Loder marking up

veniles and a 41 per cent success-

rate with debutants, Cornish Snow must be respected. However, Ben

Hanbury also boasts impressive figures in those departments and his NORTHERN JUDGE, who is 8

half-brother to the useful Sue-

3.05. Five of these met over this course 12 days' ago and at today's

weight, A La Carte should come

out best. However, GOALWAH,

ASCOT

2.30 Northern Judge 3.05 GOALWAH (nap)

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who has had only four races, has trend over this stiffer track.

4.15 Benfleet

GOING: (small in Soft, STALLS: Round course - inside; straight course - stands side.

William Cause was result than a daily. Access from M3 (June 3) and M4 (June 6). Station adjoins owing ADMISSION: Members 3 t2 (Junior Members 16-25 years, half price; Hirandstand & Paddock 58; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARK; free.

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ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS; J Dunlop — 23 winners from 124 runners gives a success rates of 18.5% and a profit to a \$11 level stake of \$4.94.1; M Stoute — 55 winners, 170 runners, 12.5% and a profit to a \$11 level stake of \$4.94.1; M Stoute — 55 winners, 170 runners, 18.5%, 45.25.96, J Gooden — 21 winners, 18.7 runners, 16.3%, 45.25.8, M Lannon — 19 winners, 244 runners, 242 rides, 14.5%, 45.2.12; W Carson — 6.0 winners, 247 rides, 14.2%, 45.7.80; L Bettord — 31 winners, 257 rides, 12.1%, 45.10.17 M Roberts — 25 winners, 226 rides, 11.1%, 45.33.46.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME, Cornich Snow (2.30); Swallows Bresum (5.15). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS. Nove.

LONG-DISTANCE SUNNERS: French by (4.15) has been sent 243 rides by F Murphy in an Widdleham, N Korks: Double Diamond (3.40) sent 243 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, N Korks: Kajon (5.15) sent 223 miles by C W C Elsey from Malion, N Norks.

2.00 BOLLINGER SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (CLASS E) (GEN-TLEMAN AMATEURS) £6,000 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,299

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PORRI GRIBOE

A wort and sundy day, in store so the ground could give softer. Confidence is at a minimum
for this openier but GOLDEN ARROW should give us a run after a spin from the front in Romanage's hurtile race at Chepsium less Sejundsy. He certainly acts in the ground after hurcite twics and a Kompton wen from Blue Bluzer less term. Called Bee had one run with Henry
Control of the Confidence of Chepsium less term. Called See had one run with Henry

old wind and 3 Kompton win from Blue Bluzar lost term. Chief Bee had one run with Henry Cool lost form, shaping well in the mud. This could be her surface and lithe's over a longer run after shaing on good ground in but's brackapped. There is a problem with the ground regarding Father Dec, while Keapyer Dawis won so seetly on the first at Folkestone in May that there has to be Some concern about his soller to act on this soller surface. Misnesses that there has to be Some concern about his soller to it is soller surface. Misnesses that there has to be Some concern about his soller to it his soller surface. Misnesses that there has to be Some concern about his soller to this soller surface. Misnesses that there has to be some content and the form has been deappointing after looking a full sort hat term. This ground might well help him, while wrang hurder Grand Applaces acts in the growest and Beckwiew's noter won on John Dunlop's Alseeb at Nottinghom a couple of weeks ogo.

2.30 TRIPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £7,068

- 11 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Cornish Snow, 7-2 Inshabl, 9-2 Mathemator, 7-1 Bandi: Ght, 8-1 Old Hot, 10-1 North-

David Loder's recent newconters have been paging home so CORNISH SNOW'S presence at the top truck gives every indication that he is useful, though the application of binners also suggests he has been playing about a bird home. With the stable on such a high with their pourgesters, the Storm Car coll has to get the vote. Inalyabli refused to enter the stable and worthshow when two onte on his intended debut in Sovereign Crown's race at Newbury think works and. His dami, Ashayer, won the Virginia Water on her debut in a bog here in 1987 hefore tanding the Pix Marcel Boussac at Longramp so instyloid must rate a big larger if the ground worsers. Form Jones's juveniles must always be respected here and Mutamannal is institud to Mutabuth, winner of the Princess Margaret here in the solt. Old Hist should like the (yound being a son of Thatching, as should Robestino's daugner Bendick Girl.

3.05 BONUSPRINT OCTOBER STAKES (CLASS A) (List BBC2 ed) £25,000 3YO filles 1m Pen Value £17,019

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4.45 Beauchamp Jazz

5.15 Lucayan Sunshine

boog, may be speedy enough.

a 52 per cent strike-rate with his ju

Empereur, the winner of last season's Champion Stakes at Newmarket, and the horse that won two legs of the American Triple Crown this year, Thunder Gulch. These luminaries are expected to be among the 11th consecutive batch of Cigar vic-

The five-year-old's last victory was in the Woodward Stakes, after which his trainer, Bill Mott. delivered a thought worryingly close to Allen Paulson's assessment of Arazi (Paulson also

drop back to a mile and the easy

3.40: HALF AN INCH showed im-

provement on his latest run at Brighton and can maintain the

ing as he has oot let many days

"He's the best horse I've school, financing the opera-ever trained," Mott said. "He tion with cattle and pigs he had may be the best horse anyone raised.

A visitor to the winners' cir-"Tve watched a lot of good cle for the first time at the age horses run in my short lifetime, of 15 with a \$320 mare, he gradof 15 with a \$320 mare, he grad-uated to become private train-Affirmed, Seattle Slew and Spectacular Bid come to mind." er to Bert and Diana Firestone, Mott's opinion is worth gaug-

Richard Edmondson on America's

leading light for the Breeders' Cup

whose horses earned in excess of \$4m during the first year of of his 42 years drift by. The their alliance. South Dakotan was training Mott knows he will not add racehorses while he was still at to his halance easily when Cig-

Eddery is banned

Paul Eddery received a four-day Patrick Hibbert-Foy, said: "Ed-

3.40 AIM AVIATION NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £14,000 added 2YO 7F Penalty Value £9,758 DOUBLE DIAMOND (20) (0 BF) (2rd McClefum Penneshp) M Johnston 97 J Wenner 1

- 7 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Half An Inch, 7-2 Rhumba Dancer, 4-1 Buid Enough, 5-1 Dooble Diamond, 7-1 Prend:

1994: Melasus 2 8 3 J Weater 16-1 (D Arbuthrou 13 an FORM GUIDE)

The raising of the weights by 9th has helped Borry Hills's pair Bold Enough and CAREFUL, the lotter fooling the part with Wilde Cerson booked. The stable has no much better form since Careful's promising eighth to Kas Me Again at Windsor in July and this seventh furlong looks spot on for her after her latest fourth to Lurnar Mist at Haydook where she was deriled a clear passage when mounting a challenge. Half Air lineb and Bold Enough have both been bearen by Warming Trends and Half Air lineb once out supenor at these weights. Like Berry Hills, Richard Hannon is doubly represented. Rhamba Dencer continues to improve and would have finished closer to Ramoot at Newbury last time but for being checked. With Aragon as her sire, she should apprecians the cut in the ground and looks better than Prends Ca, a 40-1 where on her debut at Goodwood and then last of seven to Maid For The Hills in Listed company at Newmarket. Double Diamond is 5th higher after his fourth to No Ciches at Doncaster (1m), though the shorter tip, over which he won at Newcastle, may sult him more, Prescaline travelled sweetly for much of the trip when fourth to Pacific Grows at Newmarket (77) last week. The blinkers are retained on this fifty, who could well do better today in the hands of Franke Dettort.

4.15 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £14,000 added 2m 45yds Penalty Value £9,849

Newtury or June showed us that TURQUOUSE SEA don't blee feet ground so her defeat on a similar surface at Bath last time can be ignored. She has to make up 15 lengths or Greycoat Boy but the 3th pull will count for double on this softer ground and she looks up to the task on the evidence of her getoping win from Good Hand at Ay. Greycoat Boy, thed in blinkers at Betti, looks a sicrater type to Chris's Lad, a dual wriner in the lower league test term before finishing unplaced in the Gordon Carter on this course. Benfield up very easy witner Fuyama Crest over the course and distance a fortnight ags. Frontier Deffort, on the winner that day, now notes Benfield, who at least his some speed about han, though any worsening of the ground would make things tougher. Supreme Star, Meant To Be and Sea Freedom who will benefit if the ground comes up testing. Beaus Ning will like the cut in the ground and could well come on for his seasonal run when ast lengths behind French by (second) in Unchanged's risce at Chester.

4.45 MAYFLOWER APPRENTICES CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS E) £6,000 added 1m Penalty Value £4,041

BETYRR: 6-4 Bounchamp Jezz, 2-1 La Gran Sonodia, 7-1 Cooor Prancais, 8-1 Green Dixot, Seltan do, 10-1 Antones Cover, 20-1 others 1994: Kayee 5 8 6 P Houghton 13-8 (6 Harwood) 9 am

1994: Kayves 5 8 6 P Houghton 13-8 (6 Harwood) 9 am
PORM GUIDE

COEUR FRANCAIS, well backed on his debut at Niewbury three weeks ago, has a fighting
chance of upsatting Beauchamap lazz getting 8tb, David Chappell makes hav instalkes with
his select team and Coeur Francais rain really well until bidding in the closing stages, finishing soot to Neville Callagham's strongly purised Yearwa. The gaiding will be a stronger propostron this time and the talented Matthew Herry is booked. Beauchamap Jazz has been in
two strong hendicaps aince has second to stablemate Matthew of the Britanne Handicap over this straight male in Juna. That form would seemingly be good enough for this but
this ground will be a lot more testing and he was turned over by Royal Philosopher in the
mud at Doncester last backerd. The only other of note is La Grass Senorita, who staped
better with the cut in the ground when second to Donne Viola at Sandown last time, though
her handicap rating is 28th below Beauchamp Jazz's.

Selection: COEUR FRANCAIS.

5.15 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £7,328

1994: Bushing Flame 3 8 11 W R Swintum 3-1 IM Stouts; 13 ran

FORM CUIDE

BIT ON THE SIDE, twice successful with Pat Eddery tast season, M in the sort of form to
y topple the younger sky Lucayan Sunshine. Bit On The Side will love the ground and followed his Doncaster win from Bencher Q C with a fine stath to Bushins Metady Stablemate
of Lucayan Sunshine) here when 4th out of the handicap. Lucayan Sunshine was trad in
blinkers in her days with André Fabre. She made up for some near misses when papping
Floating Line (winner sincest at haydock a fortright ago and this soft ground could be what
she needs. Swiallows Dream, 19 lengths behind Bit On The Side at Doncaster, is 9th better off and runs in blinkers for the first time. He could make an impact today on his or
ground win from Air Commodore at Saksbury last season. Indigo Time won as a juvenite
and rates a danger after a pleasing reappearance behind Niger's Lad at Newmerket a wick
ago, while Bayrak may just need this after the layoff but he is at his very best when the
ground is soft. Unforgisting Milleaute has his ground, but it is doubtful if either life Browsling or Country Star is good enough.

Minimum weight: 7st 7th, You handicap weight: Head Turner 7st 6th.

ban at York yesterday after be-

ing found in breach of the non-

triers' rules on the Martin

Pipe-trained Solatium. After

an inquiry lasting 35 minutes, the stewards decided that Ed-

dery had failed to make rea-

sonable effort to obtain the

best placing on the gelding who finished fifth to Motakahber.

The stewards' secretary.

1994: Melasus 2 8 3 J Weaver 16-1 (D Amuthrou 13 ran

"Halling is a new shooter who will have to be taken seriously and, of course, you also have Thunder Gulch."

Even if Cigar wins impressively tomorrow, it appears there is no need for those with Halling vouchers to get a revolver out of the top drawer. The recent word from New-market has been that even though the chestnut has won both the Eclipse and International Stakes this season, they were no more than prep races

Breeders' Cup on 28 October, men from Godolphin, in whose colours Halling runs, know Cig-ar as Sheikh Mohammed has horses with Mott, and there have been no reports of their boots registering on the Richter

Sheikh Mohammed used to have Halling with John Gosden in the days when you could say Henry Cecil without causing the Sheikh to choke on his kebab. Probably the best the pair have this season is Tamure, the Derby runner-up who was yesterday

tional Vase at Sha Tin, Hong Kong oo 10 December. Others include Presenting, Singspiel and Freedom Cry, who is likely to take on Lammtarra again in the Breeders' Cup Turf along

The sorry Cecil has a connection with the other big race in the colony that day, as the recently removed Charnwood Forest - along with another Godolphin horse, Tamayaz has been summoned for the £287,000 Hong Kong Invita-

Holt dies aged 67

Jack Holt, who recently announced his intention to retire from training at the end of the from training at the end of the season due to ill health, has died at the age of 67.

Holt, who held a training licence for 46 years and saddled 207 winners, was a master at training sprinters and his higgest successes came with Sweet Monday, in the 1980 Mill Reef Stakes, and Argen-

One of his ambitions was to win Goodwood's Stewards' Cup and he twice saddled runners-up in Coppermill Lad and Duplicity. He also won the George Duller Hurdle at the 1967 Cheltenham Festival with Stepherion. Ohituary, page 22

Eddery: 'never did a tap'

CHELTENHAM 2.10 Same Difference 2.45 Pridwell 3.15 Fa-

ther Sky 3.50 Easthorpe (nb) 4.25 Squire York 4.55 James Pigg 5.30 Mead Court GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

Left-hand, galloping course with stiff (ences. Uphill run-in of

240yd.

Racecourse is 1m north of town off A435. Bus link from Cheltenham railway station (served by Bristol, Birmingham and London, Paddington) which is 2m away. ADMISSION: (bub & Tauessals (combined) \$12; Foster's Enclosure \$5, CAR PARE: Free,

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Innocent George (4.25) has been tent 170 miles by Miss L Siddali from Cohon, North Yorkshire.

2.10 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 5f 110yds

2.45 M D FOODS FARMERS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 2m 5f 215213 SAGAMAN (SEED B) R Dr.hm 8 11 12 B Powell
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361640 LE MEALE (191) A Jones 6 11 4 N Williamson
32 STRONG CURRENT (285) A Jones 6 11 4 M A Fizghraid

BETTING: 1-3 Pridwell, 4-1 Segamen, 6-1 Le Melle, 25-1 Strong Current 3.15 EAGLE PEST CONTROL NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 5f 110yds OP-113 SONIC STAR (8) 8 Nicholson 6 11 : 116 TRANE (24) Jeckes 6 11 10 0111-F2 ROBERT'S TOY (8) M Pge 4 11 9 ... 402- HATHER SKY (188) 0 Sherwood 4 11 0.

BETTIME: 13-8 Father Sky, 7-4 Robert's Toy, 3-1 Sonic Star, 8-1 Thans 3.50 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2m

1 333200- EBYPT MILL PRINCE (181) (CD) Mrs J Patran 9 120 ...

PASSE- YOUNG POKEY (184) (CD) O Sterwood 10 10 12 . 201401 WHAT'S IN ORBIT (172) (D) P Nistells 10 10 4 _A P McCorthy

rem est cut. BETTINGS 7-4 Egypt NM Prince, 2-1 Easthorpe, 9-2 What's in Orbit, 5-1. Young Pokey, 8-1 Time Won't Walt

4.25 BROADWAYS STAMPINGS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 110vds

P225P-1 SQUEE YORK (123 (D) Mrs L Murphy 5 11 10W Marsion 1113F4 SARNT CREL (USA) (224) (D) F. Jordan 7 11 4 ______ J Lodder 302P-64 SOUTHANDTON (27) (D) 6 Baiding 5 11 1 ______ A P McCoy

4.55 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 3m 1f 110yds

F-11122 JAMES PIGE (6) (8F) M Pipe 8 10 5... - 3 declared -BETTING: 5-4 James Pigg, 2-1 Grange Broke, 11-4 Seech Rand

5.30 CHELTENHAM FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 110yds

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QUAKER PEP (51) 8 Limelyn 5 11 4 _____ Goy Lenis (3)
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20-1 Merely Mortal, 33-1 others

CARLISLE

HYPERION 1.50 Elation 2.20 Nova Champ 2.55 Dancing Dove 3.30 Kushbaloo 4.00 Xara Palace 4.35 De Jordaan 5.05 Jocks Cross

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places on chase course).

Right-hand, undulating course. Run-in of 250yds.

Racecourse is on the southern outsitate of town on Durder road, a miles west of junction 42 of M6. Bus service from Cartiale radway station which is 2 miles away. ADMISSION: Club 510; Tattersalis 5.6 (OAPs 53). CAR PARK: On talk 53; remainder free.

WININERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Deep Dark Desvn (4.35) has been sem 241 miles by J Upson from Adstone, Northanus; Callille Caper (1.50) sem 212 miles by T Watson from Bramascon, Lelex.

1.50 SHAP JUVENILE MOTION 11 E) £2,800 added 3YO 2m 1f SHAP JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS 21 ELATION (13) G Retwee 11 8 ELATION (13) G REFINED 11 8 SHEETHER S CONTINUE 11 0...
CENTRAIR ENTRIESS (20) A SPECIES 11 0...
EDEN DANGER (15) Mis M Revely 11 0...
ACCIMANE (15) W Form 11 0...
J C GREY (15) Denys Strath 11 0...
I C GREY (15) O POTHER 11 0...

BETTINE: 7-4 Eletion, 3-1 Eden Dence, 6-1 Peach, 8-1 Centeur Express, Mr Personally, 12-1 Bushetz, 14-1 others 2.20 NORWEB NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 4f 110yds

O/S/F-6 MOORECHURCH GUEN (10) Miss M Milligan 9 11 0

MCGREGOR THE THIRD G Richards 9 11 0 B Harding (5)

BETTING: 7-4 Spanish Light, 5-2 Nova Champ, 4-1 McGregor The Third, 9-2 Plantob, 10-1 Movie Maher, 66-1 Moorecharch Clea, Wolfstille 2.55 LIBRA GRAYURE CYLINDERS CONDI-TIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

30F60-2 ANDROS GALE (10) J H Johnson 6 10 8 000500/ GOLDEN REVERSE (USA) (494) 8 Macaggart 7 10 0 ... G Loe

BETTING: 8-11 Dencing Dove, 7-4 Chadwick's Gioger, 5-1 Andros Galo,

3.30 LIBRA GRAVURE CYLINDERS HANDI-CAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m 6U43-31 NUSHEALOO (13) (CD) C Parker 10 11 10 ______ B Slore 32P211- COUNTORUS (1/49) (D) J H Johnson 9 11 6..... 292243 SWORD BEACH (10) (D) Mrs M Revely 11 11 5 P Niver - 3 declared -BETIDNS: 4-5 Mustibeloo, 2-1 Countorus, 4-1 Sword Beech

4.00 ORTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 4f 110yds 003- GALE AHEAD (178) G M Moore 5 11 10 _____N Beatle 006- RED EMON (199) G Holmes 4 11 5 M Dwyw 50064- INGRAM WALLEY (172) O Moltat: 5 10 10 D J Moltati PP95606- TO BE THE BEST (330) 0 Lamb 5 to 8 ___Mr A Main 500PB6- GOLDEN NUGGET (1At) E Alston 8 to 6 POO-3 XARA PNLACE (16) G Richards 5 10 5

- 7 declared -Minimum weignt: 10st. Nue hendicap weignt: Silver Styling 9st 4to. BETTRNO: 7-4 Gale Abeaut, 3-1 Ingram Valley, 7-2 to Be The Best, 4-1 Xaza Palace, 14-1 Red Elice, 10-1 Galdinn Mugget, 80-1 Silver Shilling

/PP040- SELVER SHELLING (258) R Cockburn 8 100 Nor C Malhall

4.35 BRITISH DENKAVIT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m

443323 DEEP DARK DAWN (27) (D) J Upson 10 10 0 J Sopple (3)

-5 deciared -SETTING: 2-1 Mr Woodcock, 11-4 Precipice Rise, 4-1 De Jordann, 9-2 Deci Dark Dawn, 6-1 Positive Action

5.05 TARN CRAG NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 addled 2m 1f 1 FEMMICK'S BROTHER (12) J L Eyro 5 11 11 F Pernett (3 1. DERECT ROUTE (147) J H Johnson 4 11 10 ... Mr C Bormer (3) FOLLY LAD J M. Jefferson 5114 LOCKINGOSH J L Bee 5 11 4

- 7 declared -

JOCKS CROSS & Richards 4 11 3 .

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division: Athlone Town v Bohemans (8.0) Drogheda Utd v Galway Utd; Shelbourne v Shamrock Rovens; St Patrick's Athlebo v UCD.

Speciaway
PREMIER LEAGUE: Edinburgh v Glesgow; Oxford v Exeter; Peterborough v Cradley Heath.

EUROPEAN CUP: Keuken Trappers v Sheffield Other sports

TENNIS: Men's and women's satelite (Notingham).

TODAY'S NUMBER

The age of the new holder of the squat-lifting record in the British All-round Weightlifters' Guild. Alfred Koslover lifted 77.5kg in his first competition after taking up the sport a year ago.

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YORK 2.00: 1. THRACIAN (W Carson) 4-6 fav; 2. Dimakya 5-4, 2 ran, won by 5 lengths. (Iromed by J Duniop at Arundei). Tota: win

2.30: 1. MUSIC GOLD (Enma D'Gorman) 5-1 tay; 2. Songsheet 9-4; 3. Magic Mail 7-1. 5 ren. 1. 2%. (W O'Gorman, New-market), Tete: £1.90; £1.30, £1.10, Dual Forecast £1.70. Computer Straight Forecas

3.00: 1. Hi NOO (L Chemock) 4-1; 2. 3.00: 1. HI POD IL UTBITION 4-1. 2. Western Fasne 6-5 fav; 3. Cyreno's Lad 7-2: 6 ran. 1/2. 2/3. (M Carnecin, Matern). Tebe: 65-60: £1.80. £1.30. Duni Forecast: £3.60. Computer Straight Forecast: £3.65. Incast: £15.58. Non Runners: Celestral Key 3_90: 1_ATURNU (A Daly) 5-1 far; 2. Her-

cast. £57.23. Tricast: £473.65. The: £84.90. 4.00: 1 WEET-A MINIUTE (L Demoni 13-

4.00: 1. WEET-A-MINUTE (I. Deton 13-2; 2. Scathebury 20-1; 3. Jo Mell 100-30. 11 ran. 15-8 fev Samirn (4th). 3. hd. (R. Hollinghead, Upper Longton). Tete: £5.10: £1.60. £3.70, £1.70. Dual forecast. £63.60. Computer Straight Forecast: £114.28. Tricast: £467.81. Tric: £84.40.

Non Runner: Austril.

4.30: 1. MELLOTTE (K Darley) 10-11 for;
2. Western General 5-1; 3. Dece More
For Luck 9-1. 12 ran. 1, sht-hd. (Mrs M
Reveley, Saltburn). Tota: £1.90; £1.30, £2.00, £2.00, Dusi Forscast: £6.40. Computer Streight Forecast: £6.83. Bio: £17.50.
Non Runner: Rambo's Hall.

2.00-1. Septimbo's Hall.

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5.00: 1. MODM/ABBER (L. Detton) events
fax, 2. Step Aloft 2-1; 3. Birtt Zazzayeru
10-1. â ran. 1½, 9. U Gosden, Newmarlesi, Toker £1.50: £1.50. £1.50. £1.50. Dual
forecast £1.60. Computer Straight Forecast:
£3.90. Non Runner: Palace Guard.
51.760. Gouddoot: £10.50. Piecepot: £17.90. Quadpot: £10.50. Piace & £16.00. Piace S: £9.57.

LUDLOW

2.20: 1. BUNGEE JUMPER (R Durwood) 30-100 favourtie; 2. Royal Thimble 6-1: 3. Bandita 25-1. 9 ran. 8, 2. (Captain 7 Forston). Rote: win £1.20; places£1:10. £1.10, £4.10. Dual Forecast: £1.90. Com-RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Elation (Carlisle 1.50) NB: Donna Viola (Ascot 3.05) puter Straight Forecast: £2.78. Tota Trio: £9.90. £9.50.

2.50: 1. FENNICK (R Durascook) 2-1; 2. Wasza 25-1; 3. Kethoras Lad 13-2; 12 ran. 7-4 favourte Henry Wood. 4, 4. (R Hodges). Totae £2.70; £1.40, £5.20, £1.40. Dust Forecast £31.40. Computer Studyt Riverast £43.89. Tocast £256.57.

RACING RESULTS 3.20: 1. JAWANT (N Marrn) 11-8; 2. Chucklestone 8-1; 3. Badestan 4-5 fev. 4 ren. 10, 4, (Dr J Scargil), Tota: £2.00. Dual Forecast: £9.30. Computer Straight Forecast: £9.72. Non Runner; Bright Sap-

> 7-1; 2. Graen's Seago 5-1; 3. Gilbert 25-1. 8 ras. 4-5 fav Thrower, sht-hd, 8. U Jor-deni, Totac £6.90; £1.40, £1.60, £3.00. Dual Forecast: £14.40. Computer Straight Forecast: £40.22. Tricast: £753.81. 4.20: 1. ZAJIRA (A Magatel 4-5 fav. 2. Gespera evens; 3. Peniarth 25-1, 3 ran. rk, dist. (P Eccles). Tobs: £1.40. Dual Fore-cast: £1.10. Computer Straight, Forecast: £1.89. Non Runner; Sabeel.

4.50: 1. BLESSED OLIVER (Miss A Pun-lett) 6-4 h fav; 2. Real Popcorn 6-4 h fav; 3. Desparate Man 16-1. 6 ran. 15, dist. (N Twiston-Davies). Tota: £2.00; £1.60, £1.40. Dual Forecast: £2.40. Computer Straight Porecast: £4.05. ot: £24.00. Quadpot: £6.20. Place 6: £48.67. Place 5: £45.85

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2. Tegracum Charfour 7-2; 3. Distillation 14-1, 7 ran. 25, 4. (P Hobbs). Tota: £2,20; £1,30, £2,40. Dual Forecast: £5,80. Com-puter Straight Forecast: £8,22.

2.10: 1. FERRUFINO (W Marston) 11-4 far; 2. Shirley's Train 5-1; 3. Wave Hill 7-2. 12 ren. 3/s, 12. (P Rich), Total \$4.20; £1.60, £2.30, £1.80. Dual Forecast; £8.90. Computer Straight Forecast: £16.52. Tro-ast: £45.71. Tro: £7.60. 3.50: 1. GOLDEN MADJAMBO (J Lodder) 2.40: 1. BANKROLL (G Tormey) 7-4 fev;

3.10: 1. CAVINA (L Wyer) 11-8 fax; 2. Rent Day 50-1; 3. Purbeck Polly 14-1, 2 ren. 20, ind. (N Graham). Totac £2.50; £1.50, £13.50, £2.30. Dual Forecast

3.40: 1. WISE APPROACH (S McNett)
4-5 tax; 2. Romany Creek 7-2; 3. Doole
Dedger 12-1. 6 ran. 11/n, 11. IK Bakeyi.
Note: £1.70; £1.30, £1.70. Dual Forecast:
£2.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £4.35.

4.10: 1. DOMINION'S DREAM (D Bridg-water) 4-9 fay; 2. Bigfy 10-1; 3. Handson 25-1. 8 ran. 15, 3/h. (M Pipe). Tota: £1.40; £1.30, £1.60, £6.10. Dual Forecast: £6.00. Computer Straight Forecast: £6.61. 4.40; 1. SIMAFAR (L Wyer) 2-1; 2. Rag-time Boy 13-2; 3. Herbert Buchanan 13-2. 8 ran. 6-5 fay Mr Copyforce (4th), 3, 15. (N Graham). Totas: £3.50; £1.30, £1.20. (N Graham), 7069: £3.50; £1.30, £1.20, £1.50, Dual Forecast: £20.10, CSF: £14.86, Placepot: £75.80, Quadpot: £41.50 (part

Place 6: £8.70. Place 5: £6.21.

Mellottie registered the 15th success of his career with a win in a claiming race at York vesterday. But the 10-year-old, winner of the Cambridgeshire in 1991, is not certain to soldier on next season. "We'll see how he looks next spring but it's going to be difficult to win handicaps with him on his current rating," said trainer Mary Reveley's son Keith.

3.50: 1. ATURGU PALDON 7-1 WIT, 2, WAT-TY Browne 10-1; 3. Ashover 10-1; 4. Achilles Heel 11-1, 21 ran, Mr. Hd, 34; short-heed, IS Wallarms, Newmarket). Tota: £6.10; £1.80. £2.40, £2.00, £2.70. Dusi Forecast. £41.90. Computer Straight Fore-

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RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP: The biggest event in the game's history begins at Wembley tomorrow. Dave Hadfield reports



Time to capture the imagination

The build-up is over. The political arguments, which have gone on rather longer, are over, at least for now. All that remains is the action: and it is that action that will determine whether the game's 100th birthday is a celebration or an anticlimax.

The Halifax Centenary World Cup, which kicks off after Diana Ross has warbled at Wembley tomorrow, is the higgest event in a century of rugby league. That does not, of course, make it as big as the last sporting event at which Miss Ross sang, football's World Cup in Los Angeles. And compared to rugby union's beanfeast in South Africa last summer, the hype has been

non-existent. What the code has is what it has had throughout its historynot worldwide domination, but a level of entertainment that can leave even the uncommitted wondering how it has failed to and Lindsay will be praying seize the global imagination. and Lindsay will be praying that the BBC's trailer filmed in

favourites, Australia, tomorrow afternoon, this World Cup promises high-speed contact sport at its most gripping. Now we will see whether it can deliver.

The tournament director, Maurice Lindsay, says, as he must, that we are in for three weeks of scintillating rugby. The game, after all the upheavals of the last year, needs that. It is up to England and Australia to set the standard and, if both have limitations that prevent them being at their optimum level, then they at least appear well-matched

Australia, however you look at it, would be stronger if the Super League row had not split the game in that country. England's problems are more mundane. They are simply suffering from the inroads that injuries have made into a limited stock of world-class talent.

Whoever wins at Wembley -Starting with the opening match an empty stadium is not between England and the world prophetic - the tournament is champions and tournament geared to England and Australia favourites.

meeting again in the final at the same venue three weeks later. As the New Zealand coach, Frank Endacott, says, such plans are made to be spoiled,

and the Kiwis, despite dreadful

form over the last year, must be

the most likely spoilers. They should win a group that also includes Tonga and Papua New Guinea, although they must be wary of both. If they can strike some sort of form in the process, they will be dangerous semi-final opponents for the side which finishes second in the England-Australia oup, which also includes Fiji

and South Africa. Given a choice, both Australia's Bob Fulton and England's Phil Larder would like to avoid them, because they know that before too long the Kiwis are going to click, not merely clock as they have done of late. Looking at the array of talent as they paraded for the cameras at Warrington this week, the thought kept creeping through that these, in terms of

a distant third, and if they fall on their faces again, could fail to justify even that modest rating. They might not even be the main danger to the hig two. That threat could emerge from Group Three, the intriguing three-cornered battle in

South Wales. The home side start with obvious advantages and with the mighty asset of Jonathan Davies, eager to bid farewell to international rugby league with a memorable tournament, as captain and inspiration.

The sheer size of their forwards is Wales' other potential trump card, especially if, as can be expected, Clive Griffiths perms various combinations from his bench to ensure that there are always fresh minners available.

Few rugby followers in Wales, however, will be over-confident when faced with a side wearing the colours of Western Samoa. They have wonderful individual talent, and not just among the

Instead, New Zealand rank collectively they could be either devastating or inept.

Just to confuse matters further, there is the eternal unpredictability of the French. They too could be admirable or awful, but the fact that they have one of the smartest operators in the game in charge in Patrick Entat suggests that they will be no pushovers.

It is possible to pick any number of holes in this World Cup. Ticket sales so far are disappointing, but this is rugby league, and rugby league people do not automatically turn up to watch matches because someone has stuck a grandiose label on them. They

will have to be convinced. Some of the sides are, to be honest, a little contrived, the Tongan and Samoan squads being heavily dependent on expatriates with at least one other

ahernative nationality. And even with their inclusion, there are not quite enough teams to give a World Cup the right sort of shape. One of the competing

furiously competitive matches than there will be one-sided ones, and more open, flowing contests than there are dull, for-

The theme song might be performed by the lead singer of a forgotten pop group rather than by a dame, but that does not make it a pantomime. On the contrary, the one thing that everyone in and around the game is confident of is that the quality of the matches will compare favourably with anything that other codes of football can lay on.

Provided it can get off to a good start this weekend, with a satisfying spectacle in an at least half-full Wembley, and with good support for the two matches on Sunday that do not involve British sides, then the World Cup can get on a roll.

There are teams and individuals here capable of grabbing the attention and the imagination of the converted and unconverted alike. This, in the lish club connections, but in its heart of hearts that it is not 100 years have been all about.

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TUESDAY 10

Group 1 Wigan, 7.90pm Western Samoa Group 3, Cardiff, 8pm

FRIDAY 13 New Zealand v. Papua New Guinea Group 2, St Helens, 8pm SATURDAY 14 Australia Group 1, Huddersfield, 2pm

England South Africa SATURDAY 21 First semi-final Winners Group 1 v winners Group 3, Old Trafford, 3pm

SUNDAY 22 BBC Second semi-final inners Group 2, Huddersfield, 3pm **SATURDAY 28** Final Wembley, 3pm

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have no glaring weak- late and Phil Larder has they endeavour to prove They depend heavily on pressive record before ever, with a number of abuse, and Andre Stoop have tricks up their league pack, rather than playing together. A coach nesses either. Opponents problems. With Gary Con- that their love of running. Entat's organisational becoming national coach players who have toured — having an operation — sleeves. Their chances one borrowed from union. like graphen Love is a will take heart from the nolly bedridden and Marand handling makes skills, but if he is but must find the lost key before, plus a splendid are serious blows to a would be better if Australia. With their size and handling makes skills, but if he is but must find the lost key before, plus a splendid are serious blows to a would be better if Australia. With their size and experimental to unlocking a wealth of Winfield Cup scrum-half squad short of experimental training makes skills, but they are theory that if they can tin Offiah and Paul them infinitely better able to get the hall to unlocking a wealth of Winfield Cup scrum-half squad short of experimental training makes skills, but they are theory that if they can tin Offiah and Paul them infinitely better able to get the hall to unlocking a wealth of Winfield Cup scrum-half squad short of experimental training makes skills, but they are theory that if they can tin Offiah and Paul them infinitely better able to get the hall to unlocking a wealth of Winfield Cup scrum-half squad short of experimental training makes skills, but they are the paul to the strike to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to be a team of instance of playing together likely to they might have a ness, the contribution of than to rugby union. Garcia, Pierre Chamoria, they might have a reasonable chance. The problem is the ebullient Robinson Given a reasonable and David Fraisse, of that stopping Fittler is on the right wing be-easier said than done. And comes crucial, as do the Nadruku has the ability pace to take full defence, but it all depends to manufactures into account of the winger of th

TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE TO CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FRANCE

NEW ZEALAND

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winner: Brad Fittlar

Match winner: Jason Rolainson,

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PICK OF THE DAY

SUNDAY / Motocross British Championship

Swindon Tha spectacular Foxhill circuit, near Swindon, hosts the eighth and final round of the Cesab British motocross championship on Sunday. The blue riband Open championship, the Superclass series and the 125cc champi-onship will be contested on the naturally demanding circuit that has been made even more difficult with a new section carved out at the head of the valley. This season, the Open and Superclass se-ries have been dominated by Paul res reve been commanded by Pauli Cooper on a Honda. He capi-talised on the injuries which in-terrupted the campaigns of the early pacesetters, Rob Herring and Mark Eastwood, two riders who once had a virtual monopoly or Ribish Miles. Cooper is every an British titles. Cooper is guaran-teed the Superclass, but there is a methematical possibility that he could be overtaken in the Open by the Yamaha rider, Paul Malin, who won this year's 125cc British Grand Brit at Enabil! Melin woo Grand Prix at Foxbill. Mailin won the sixth round and equalled Cooper's points for tha penultimate round. In the 125cc championship, the Swede Joakim Karlsson looks destined to become the first oversees rider to win a British title, while the manufacturers, Honda, Yamaha machines at the Fouriel meeting. Here is set there fouriel meeting. Here is get there Fouriel More Park, Warborough, near Swindon, Witshire, is close to junction 15 of MA. Fellow signs for Swardon and the circuit is AA signocated from the part foundabout. Practice/qualification

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The layout of the Sportpalets, the indoor cycling track in Ginant, Belgizm, provides entitlerating racing and next month the Ghent Stx Dey, from 14 to 19 November, will continue to thrill.

Britain's own stx-day event, the Skol Stx, became no expensive in run and since its demise in 1980, Ghent has become an adopted home for British fans of this varied Indoor racing, of which the madison will be the key event.

Teams of two compete in the madison, with one rider racing while his partner recovers, alternating every four lasts or so and the object is to gain is lep or more on the field of 12 to 15 teams. At Ghent, this form of racing continues throughout the stx-day programme to a finale on the Sunday on the short track with its steep banking. Racing is held in the evening except on the lest day.

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vertices accommodated is in the city centre as the cycling tack is only 6 short transfer by coach. The three-night trip brokes no overnight traveling and coass £145, the two-night trip £115 and for travelies in the north, 8 hours see crossing from Hull, with one night in Ghent, is £139. Sests for the Sportpale's can be outchased when booking. Ghant Six Day, 14-19 November,

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Details of forthcoming events with information on tickets and venues should be sent to: The Sports
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Montgomerie withdraws

Sam Torrance has only to make the half-way cut in the German Masters in Berlin today to be well placed to finish the year as the European No 1. The 42-year-old Scot's chances improved dramatically when Colin Montgomerie, complaining of tendon trouble in his left wrist. shot a four-over-par 76 in the first round, and then promptly withdrew from this lucrative tournament.

Montgomerie leads Torrance by a mere £980 in the Order of Merit with just this event and the Volvo Masters in Valderrama to come. If Torrance can achieve a respectable finish on Sunday, he will lead the moncy table.

However, Torrance did not start particularly well, shooting a one-under-par 71 to finish the day in joint 51st place, seven shots behind the Swedish trio of Klas Eriksson, Per-Ulrik Johansson and Anders Forsbrand, and the South African Retief Goosen, who all shot 64.

Montgomerie began the

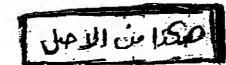
first three holes, but then began to fall away. Despite reaching the turn in a one-under-par 36, the Scot shot a six at the long 13th and then dropped four shots in his last three holes for a disastrous 76, a score that only

six other players in the 105-strong field failed to beat. "I have had this problem for ahout five weeks," Mont-gomerie said later. "It's all down to playing too much, but I've been loath to stop playing be-cause I want that No I spot. But a short rest will do me good."

Torrance was surprised by Montgomerie's withdrawal. "I had no idea because he didn't even tell me at the Ryder Cup when we played together on the second day. I heard he had dropped out when I had played nine holes, and I must admit I

got very tense." Torrance, of course, has not forgotten that Bernhard Lunga. the winner of the European Open last Sunday, could still overhaul him if he won here and in Valderrama. Langer began the daunting task with an admirable 67 yesterday.

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Britain

begin with a

flourish

Britain dominated a keenly contested opening day of the Maureen Connolly Tropby match against the United States

here and are in a strong posi-tion to win the 21- and-under

women's transatiantic team

competition for the third year

consecutively.

Lucie Ahl, Mandy Wain-wright and Lizzie Jelfs, Britain's highest-ranked female player at No 224 in the world, refused to

be deterred by setbacks in win-

ning the opening three singles rubbers, and Wainwright part-nered Kate Warne-Holland in

a doubles success which gave

Equally important, Ann Jones, the team captain, saw

enough close points at the Scot-

stoun Leisure Centre to be wary

of an American recovery today

and tomorrow, even though

Britain need to win only two of the seven remaining matches.

Jelfs, making her debut in the

event, which is presented by

ADT Auctions, consolidated

the earlier efforts of Ahl and

Wainwright by defeating Kristin Sanderson, 7-6, 6-2. The 19-year-

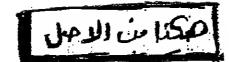
old from Oxfordshire had to en-

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in which she was unable to con-

Britain a 4-0 lead.

Tennis JOHN ROBERTS reports from Glasgow



Why Lewis cannot rival Bruno

When it comes to charisma tomorrow's big fight is a mismatch, says Ken Jones

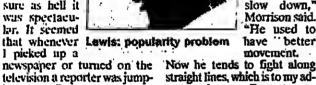
If charisms was critical to the it would be hest for Lewis to outcome of tomorrow's heavyweight encounter between Lennox Lewis and Tommy Morrison in Atlantic City it would be a walkover for the rumbustious American.

Boxers are not obliged to be expert in communication but when questions are put to Morrison he is everything that Lewis is not. Fight writers use the phrase "totally focused" as another name for Lewis because he employs it time and time again when under interrogation. Also, it is safe to bet that the former World Boxing Council champion will describe himself as a man on a mission. If the promoters were relying on Lewis to drum up business they would find it a struggle to sell

You may think this irrelevant to proceedings in the ring hut it helps to explain why Frank Bruno is far more popular than Lewis with the British public and Morrison is at present receiving most of the at-

Speaking vesterday. Morrison confessed, appealingly, to behaviour that almost brought his boxing career to a premature conclusion. For example, ofter losing the World Boxing Organisation title to Michael Benlt it was more than two City tomorrow.

months hefore he got to bed earlier than five n'clock in the morning and alwith female company. "I picked up everywhere," he said. "In bars, on the streets, I can't remember exactly how long that lasted but sure as hell it



ing on me." If Lewis owned up to anything remotely similar people would fall off their chairs in ustonishment. Totally focused he may be, but that doesn't make him interesting. Even if he succeeds in becoming the undisputed cham-pion there won't be a parade as there was recently after Bruno defeated Oliver McCall for the

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This has nothing to with erudition but just plain old personality. Seeing Lewis go around with his head in the air causes some Americans to think him arrogant. "What's he got to he so high and mighty about." one said earlier this week when Lewis failed to show up on time for a press conference. "This is a guy who found a share of the championship in his mail. hasn't beaten anyone worth mentioning and was knocked out by Oliver McCall."

A topic guaranteed to get Lewis on his bike concerns possibilities resulting from the nutcome of tomorrow's contest America's custern scaboard. If he bears reference to disputed status as the WBC's leading contender for Bruno's crown the interview is over, his expression disdainful. Lennox doesn't want to speak about it," said his manager,

Frank Malonev. In London a short while ago Don King put it to Maloney that

hook up with bim. The sugges-tion was repeated this week wben Lewis's principal associate, Panos Eliades, took the same flight to New, York as King's partner, the British pro-moter, Frank Warren.

In alliance with the Duva organisation, Main Events, the Lewis camp want none of it and will institute legal proceedings if the WBC refuses Lewis a supposed right to meet Bruno for its version of the championship. "When they ranked Tyson at No I it didn't alter the fact that Lennox beat Lionel Butler in a final eliminator," Maloney added. "We have that in writing and the British Boxing Board are right behind us. The WBC can't get out of it." Tell that to King, who holds most of the cards in heavyweight boxing and has the WBC in his pock-

Morrison would sign with King immediately. Thinking about the ricbes that would flow from a contest against Mike Tyson, he said: "I'm in this business to make money so King could bave as many options on me as be wants." This was said in the knowledge that his prospects will improve no end if he defeats Lewis at the Convention Center in Atlantic

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Morrison said.

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Call made Lewis gun-shy, but I

do see some anxiety in his box-

ing. No fighter likes to get hit,

but he fights afraid. He's nev-

er been in a war but I've been

in plenty. That's something for

When referring to his man

Lewis's trainer, Emanuel Stew-

ard, deals mainly in superlatives. Given balf a chance,

Steward goes on about vast im-

provements in technique and

completeness in application.

Unquestionably, Lennox is

the best heavyweight out

there," he declared. "For such

a big man be is amazingly

Most of Lewis' sparring has

been against much lighter men and when wearing gloves of

more than 20 ounces, the heaviest ever used. "Imagine what Lennox will feel in his hands

when he gets the ring gloves on," Steward added. "The

speed will be phenomenal. I like Tommy Morrison but believe

me, he won't last more than a

few rounds. The kid is out of his

heard it. In dark eyes inherited

from his mother, a full-blood-

ed American Indian, there was

a contradiction of the idea that

he will soon lose all interest in

tapping anybody on the chin.

Morrison smiled when he

Lewis to think about."

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One of the tboughts in Morrison's Lewis was a more dangerous proposicoming in a stone lighter than his pre-

You're in for a surprise if you still think that kite flying is for lonely anoraks pulling a string to keep a diamond-shaped piece of cloth aloft. Today's kite can perform more aerobatics mayflies. It can fly indoors, outdoors, in my lady's chamber, lift a flier off the ground, pull a buggy or dazzle home-going commuters (of which more

want (one New Zealander has a 100ft turtle with a piranha nipping its tail) but the top boys all use delta-wings. These look like multi-coloured Stealth fighters and can perform aer-

David Byas, 32, the tall left-handed No 3 batsman, was yes-

terday appointed Yorkshire's

29th county captain in succes-

sion to Martyn Moxon.

Byas has been vice-captain for two years. A North Yorkshire

farmer with a natural authori-

ty, he will bope to be as suc-

cessful as Yorkshire's last

left-handed leader from the old East Riding, Vic Wilson. The Australian Michael Bevan's nat-

ural aggressiveness made him

another candidate, but in the

end the committee went for sta-

bility and tradition. Lord Hawke

is the only Yorkshire captain

The committee were aware of

rumblings among members af-

ter another summer of promise

had collapsed in almost un-

born outside of the county.

DEREK HODGSON



Indoor kite flyers indulge in high life

This is not an elaborate joke. Apologies for the caveat, but just about everyone I've spoken to thinks indoor kite flying is impossible, as ridiculous as rowing races on the M6 or table tennis with a basketball, Don't believe me either? Then pop along to the London Arena in Docklands on Sunday and watch the British (though it could be the European or maybe even the world) indoor championships.

Sorry to be a bit vague about it. But indoor kite flying is so new that even experts are still learning how to do it. Though Dave Brittain, the American who has kept a kite flying indoors for more than four hours, will be competing in Sunday's event, the sport hasn't quite got round to formalities like a proper championship struc-

It can be any shape you obatics that even a swallow

would admire. "They have done for kite flying what mountain bikes did for cycling," says Jeremy Boyce, who runs his own shop, High as a Kite, in Stoke Newington, north Lon-

He is one of the four-man

Airkraft formation team that have been runner-ups in the world championships for the past two years. But even Boyce, at the leading edge of kitecraft, was stunned when he first discovered that wind is an optional extra. "I was at a festival in Le Touquet and the prize-giving took place in a large leisure hall with a swimming pool. A Frenchman, Pierre Marzin, brought along a kite and to our amazement, stood in the shallow end and flew it. I discovered later that he went to hasketball matches to give demonstrations, and finished by dunking his kite in the net. I was knocked out. I thought: 'This

is the cutting edge."

Boyce quickly bought a £250 indoor kite. Superficially it is weighs just a few ounces. You don't need open windows or giant fans to make it fly, either. "That would cause turbulence and for kite flying, you need smoothness." says Boyce. Out-doors, the wind does the work. Indoors, it's all done with a swerve of the hips, a flick of the wrist or actually running backwards. This is enough to send the kite soaring and dipping like a hird celebrating springtime. hird celebrating springtime. championships, near Mel-Kitees love it, because it al-bourne next month, will attract

Byas steps up at Yorkshire

nerving fashion. A Benson and

Hedges quarter-final, a Nat-

West semi-final and a fifth place

in the Championship seemed a

reasonable advance on 1994, but

two defeats in the final weeks

shook the club. Surrey won a

match at The Oval, by one run,

in bizarre circumstances and Es-

sex won at Chelmsford after be-

ing apparently well beaten at the

On both occasions York-

shire's batting collapsed in a

fashion almost unknown in their 132-year history. Moxon

was especially stung by media suggestions that "Yorkshire

have no bottle". Despite twice

breaking the same thumb, Mox-

on headed the national averages

prepared to act came with the

news that Simon Kellett, Paul

Stuart Milburn were to be re- on top.

That the committee were

for most of the season.

of us," Boyce said.

lows them to create 3-D manoeuvres that are impossible outdoors, such as dragging one wing along the ground in a complete circle. Traditional kite flying is dependent upon wind direction; indoors, there are no limits. "You are flying the kite, rather than the kite flying itself," says Boyce. But it's much harder work. "You have to keep moving to create your own wind," says kite-maker Chris Matheson, who set a world two-line indoor record of 2hr 2min last year. "At the end similar to the outdoor model, of that record, my legs were like jelly. You don't walk hackwards in normal life. The next

day, it was agony just to move around." The cynical may say that, new-tech kites or not, it's still not a sport worthy of adults. But wait a minute... China's passion for kites is well documented. India has a national kite flying day, and even Bris-tol's annual festival attracts 50,000 spectators. The world

leased. The bombshell came 12

days ago when Yorkshire an-

nounced that Moxon had re-

signed and that Brian Close.

chairman of the cricket com-

In fact, the events were not

connected. Moxon felt, after

failing to win a trophy in his

time, that be wished to be free

of the weight of expectation. "I

just want to enjoy my cricket again," he told a friend.

cricket committee, Close con-

sidered be, too, had carried the

burden long enough. He has been replaced by Bob Platt, a Huddersfield businessman and once Fred Trueman's new-ball

partner. Platt is sure to be a more "hands-on" chairman, just as

Byas is certain to be a harder

leader. Byas said last night: "My

After a vigorous debate in the

reign, had gone with him.

up to 250,000. Still, Olympic the bridge, we didn't have to dreams may be a little premature. "I phoned the Sports Council about getting some grant aid and discovered that we were so far down the list that even spear fishing was in front

Even explaining the appeal of kite flying embarrasses its leading exponents. Matheson says: "When I am flying my kite, and there is just me, the kite and a nice wind, I forget about everything else. I don't think about moving the kite around with my hands, I feel what the kite is doing. I am that kite." He laughs self-con-

sciously. "Really sad, isn't it." Ah, those old Calvinistic genes still stubbornly condemning anything that looks suspiciously like fun. But kite flying is developing as fast as any sport. Matheson's indoor record, for example, looks certain to be broken on Sunday. There will also be attempts on the four-line and single-line record, though the individual competition (compulsory and freestyle manoeuvres) will be better to watch. Meanwhile, indoor flying has spawned an even more spectacular offshoot, called barfing (bridge and roof flying) by its partici-

"It all started when we were going to Bristol kite festival and crossing Clifton suspension bridge," Matheson recalls. "We were complaining what a bummer it was that we kept bitting the ground when flying. Sud-denly it hit us that if we flew off worry about that any more. We stopped the van, got out our kites - and it was fantastic. We were doing things that were impossible on the ground, because we could actually fly down as well as up."

Word spread. Others tried it and were stunned by barfing's possibilities. Matheson and several friends have now flown most of the main London hridges and a few buildings too. Yes, it's slightly anarchic but it's harmless and doesn't cause any damage." Boyce says. "We get moved on by the police but when we do it in the early evening, commuters seem to enjoy it. Tower Bridge is wonderful at night because it's lit from underneath." The sport has already reached the United States and Australia, where barfers have flown Sydney Bridge. Matheson's dream is to fly the London stations such as Euston, with their huge vaulted ceilings. "I would have to do it about 3 am," he said in a voice that hints it's more than

The funny thing is that the real stars of kiting are not the puppet masters. Airkraft, Britain's No 1 formation team. give exhibitions all over the country hut perform in black because they don't want to distract attention from the kites. "Nobody notices us." says Boyce. "It's a sport for bashful show-offs."

Indoor Kite Festival at London Arena, Limeharbour, Oocklands, from 10am Sunday 8 October.

Haynes enticed by the challenge at Sussex

Desmond Haynes said yesterday he bad rejected playing offers from several English counties in mittee during Mozon's six-year favour of becoming first-team

coach at Sussex. The 39-year-old former West Indies captain and opening batsman, who moves to Hove on a three-year-contract, admits turning Sussex's fortunes

around after nine years without a trophy is not going to be easy.
"It's a big challenge for me and I will be trying my heart out," be said. "To start with I'll be trying to get the players in the mood of winning and believing they can play - not just for Sussex - but for England as well. "The captain, Alan Wells, wants to be involved in a winning set-up and I believe the players will have respect for me. We just have to get ourselves in

to a positive frame of mind." Tests for his country, will start his new job when Sussex embark on a pre-season trip to Malaga. Before that, he will spend a sec-

The former Test player said he felt fit enough to carry on playing but the chance to move into coaching had arrived at the right time. Sussex have overhauled their cricket structure following Haynes' predecessor Norman Gifford's resignation in July. The next appointment to be made is that of director of cricket and coaching, a new role that will take on all cricketing matters throughout the county. Other posts to be filled are a vice-captain and a senior player to skipper the second XI.

Haynes, who played in 116 ond winter playing in South Africa for Western Province.

vert any of three break points at 4-4 and saved two set points at 5-4 hefore winning the tiebreak, 7-3. Jelfs then recovered from losing ber serve in the first game of the second set and

went on to win in 70 minutes. Ahl and Wainwright are both in the process of playing their way back to form after taking a break from the sport. Ahl, from Devon, missed most of the summer because of a wrist injury, and Wainwright, from Essex, decided to take time off after Wimhledon to work on her game.

Both gave resolute performances yesterday. Ahl fought through two hours and 34 minutes against Farley Taylor, forcing her way back from 0-3 in the final set to win, 6-4, 2-6, 6-7. Wainwright saved two set points in an opening set tie-break in de-7-6, 6-4, after an hour and 55 minutes. Warne-Holland, a 20-yearold from Stockport, marked her

first appearance by joining Wain-wright in a 6-6, 6-4 win against Catlin and Sandy Sureephong. The 19-year-old from Chingford has lost only one of her 10 matches since first appearing in the competition in 1992. The five Americans are

ranked below their opponents, which is hardly surprising since three are collegiate players and two are still at high school and have yet to gain a point on the WIA Tour computer. Nerves and errors con-

tributed to the excitement, and on occasions the umpires had to prompt the hallgirls to keep the ammunition flowing.

The Americans may have experienced the feeling that it was not to be their day when four team members, overlooking that they were in tip-up seats, rose to execute a Mexican wave in support of Taylor towards the end of the opening match and collapsed on their posteriors.

Sanderson was unable to stop one particular passing shot from Jelfs because her shirt collar became attached to one of her ear-rings, something that has yet to befall Andre Agassi.

Wainwright took the prize for fashion by sporting a Union Jack bandana. It was presumed that she was following Greg Rusedski's patriotic statement at Wimhledon, hui it transpired that she was merely covering a hairdresser's over-enthusiasm with the scissors.

Steelers face tough task against hosts

Sheffield Steelers begin their quarter-final campaign in the Europa Cup in Tilburg against hosts Keuken Trappers this evening before facing the favourites. Olimpija Herz, from Skwenia tomorrow and Spain's Txuri Urdin on Sunday.

With just one team progressing to the semi-finals, the Steelers game against the Slovenian champions is expected to decide the group, although Tilburg could present a tough challenge.

"We haven't sel ourselves a target," said their coach, Alex Dampier. "This is a new experience for all the guys in the team except Nicky Chinn, who was with Cardiff last year. The Steelers have been strengthened by three major summer signings in China. Tony Hand – the game's word coursely read time trial leading results word prolific points scorer – and the Canadian-born Andre Maio.

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Athletics

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Cricket

Baseball
Jim Leyritz hit a two-run home run in
the bottom of the 15th inning to lift the
New York Yankees to a 7-5 victory over
the Sesttle Manners. It took them to a
2-0 lead in the five-match series. The
game lasted 5 hours 13 minutes, the
longest night game in play-off history.
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S Downes (US) and G Vernier (US) bt P Evision and R Harrington 6-5.

Football FOOTDATI

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Southerngton v West Harr; Douby v Leeds; Milwell v Shelfield Wednesday; Barringham v Tammere; Wokes v Chartton; Botton v Leicester;
Cystal Paleco v Michiesbrough; Nonich v Bedford; Barring v Anstrat; Aston Villa v Stockpart; Liverpool v Manchester City. Ties to be
played week commencing 23 October.

Hamburg frame sucked their coach.

played week commencing 23 October. Hamburg have sacked their coech, Benno Moehimann. The move came one day after Uwe Seeler, took over as dir-ector of the club, which is still winless after eight league matches, Felix Mag-ath, a former international midfielder who served as Moehimann's assistant, will take over as interim chief coech. EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSH Group four (Varazzán): Crostis 2 Italy 2.

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SPORTING DIGEST

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Whiteheed, M Murphy, M Bembridge, 75 D
Smon (US), T Patz (SA), D Snell, F Aureu (Sp).
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Ferranti (US). 77 H Musoroft, H Freser (US).
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Gymnastics

A medical survey shows that the growth hormone is much lower in top-level young women gymnasts than other peo-ple, the International Gymnastics Fed-eration seid yesterday in Sabae, Japan, where the world championships are tak-ing place. However, the hormone rapidrecovers when the gymnasts take breaks from competition and there is no longer an Indication of it declining when they reture from the sport.

Ica Hockey BRITISH LEAGUE Pirst Division: Dumines Border Vildags 11. Paisley Pirates 3, Guildford Flames 7 Medway Bears 7.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Hartequires 88 Brunel University 17; West Hardepool 53 Durham City 12; Rosslyn Park 19 Oxford University

Newport's Kevin Moseley is one of three players banned for four weeks by a Wales RFU disciplinary panel yesterday. Moseley and lan Greenslade, the Bridgend hooker, were dismissed for fighting during the match on 23 September while the Treorchy second row Steve Evans was sent off at Abertillery on the same day. All three are banned until 1 November. Lianelli's Tony Copsey sent off for punching Mike Hall tast Saturday, will appear before the panel later this month, although he has already been banned by his club for tornorrow's match against Aberavon. Newport's Kevin Moseley is one of three

Claudio De Rossi, the Benetton Treviso full-back, has been suspended by the Italian Federation after testing positive, at an international training session, for the banned sterold nandrolone.

SHOOKET
THAILAND CLASSIC (Bengkok): Querter-finals: S Hendry bit T Griffiths (Mbit 5-0; N Bord (Engl bit J Swall Ni Ni 5-4; J Parrott (Engl by J Higgins (Sco) 5-3.

Matt Hammond has been installed in the newly created post of director of coaching and development, while David Pearson has taken up the role of men's rearson has taken up une role or men is national coach. Hammond's duties will include the direction of the entire Eng-lish coaching system and the imple-mentation of national and county development programmes to promote the game at all levels.

Tennis

The Lawn Tennis Association is to seek new backers for the National Club league after Everest backed out after three years. John Feaver, the LTA director of events and tournaments, said his Greats and tournaments, said his organisation were already talking to new potential sponsors for the country's leading singles-based inter-cub competition. TOULOUSE MEN'S INDOOR TOURNAMENT Second round: If Kucera ISlocald of 6 Forget (Fr) 7-6 6-3: J Palmer (US) bt F Samoro (Fr) 6-7 7-5 7-6; J Couner (US) bt F Samoro (Fr) 6-8 7-7-5 7-6; J Couner (US) bt M Damm (CR Repl 6-3 6-7 6-4 D Vaces (CR Repl bt J Van Hertk (Bell 6-3 7-6; K Kucera (Showk) bt J Yazge (Penu) 6-3 6-4; C Polme (Fr) bt N Escude (Fr) 6-3 8-3. EUROPEAN WOMEN'S REDOOR TOURNAMENT (Zurich) Second round: M Pierce (Fr) bt P Schnyder (Swift 6-1 6-3 J Novolna ICZ Repl bt M Oremans (Neth) 6-7 6-3 7-5; I Majph (Cro) bt M Werdel (US) 6-2 6-4; M De Swardt (SA) bt A Huber (Cer) 6-4 2-6 6-4; C Rubin (US) bt M Hings (Swift 6-2 6-1).

MAUREEN CONNOLLY TROPHY (Glandjow): Great Britain Under-21s v United States Under-21s: Singles (GR names first): Land to F Eaylo 6-4 2-6 9-7; E joils bt K Sanderson 7-6, 6-4.

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(Aut) bt A Rueb (US) 6-0 6-2; P Hand (GB)
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(GB) bt S Benderman (Ge) 6-4 6-3, C
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SALEM OPEN (Kusite Lumpur): Second round: M Philippousse (Aus) bt B Black (Zm) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; P Hearhurs (Neth) bt K Carlsen (Den) 7-6, 7-6, P McErner (US) bt L Rehmann (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-2, 6-1; R Kraposk (Neth) at S Lareau (Carl) 7-6, 6-4; C Caratti (It) w/o A Othousky (Rus) 5-4, ret.



HEAVYWEIGHT AMBITION Ken Jones finds Lennox Lewis struggling in the popularity stakes



Bohinen incurs Forest wrath

JON CULLEY AND PHIL SHAW

Lars Bohinen, the Norwegian international, agreed to leave Nottingham Forest for Blackburn Rovers yesterday to the accompaniment of an outspoken broadside from his dismayed former manager, who accused him of exploiting Forest's goodwill for his own personal gain. The 29-year-old midfield

player, for whom Forest might have asked £2m at today's market values, will move to Ewood Park next week subject to a medical for a cut-price £700,000, as a result of a sell-on stipulation in his contract with the Nottingham club.

But Frank Clark, the Forest manager, in a rare show of anger, attacked Bohinen for putting money ahead of lovalty. He will more than double his income by joining the struggling

follows months of negotiations in which the player and his for-mer representative, Andy Gross, a Swiss lawyer, are thought to have demanded £500,000 for the cancellation of the sell-on clause, which limited Forest to £250,000 profit on the £450,000 they paid Young Boys of Berne for Bohinen almost two years ago. Bohinen's deal with Forest gave him the right to a transfer

Clark, choosing his words carefully, said: "Lars is not the first player to move for money, but I feel very c him and very let down. You learn from your mistakes and I would never again let anyone have that sort of clause, but when he first joined us I agreed to it as security for him.

"We were a First Division club and not doing particularly well, be was a relatively un-

known Norwegian with no experience of England. They Premiership champions. This asked for this clause as a little bit of comfort for Lars should be not settle in England, should he be unhappy at Forest, should Forest not be successful. It gave him an escape clause."

The Forest chief added that

Gross, who has also repre-

sented Jürgen Klinsmann, had asked for Bohinen's new deal to include a clause similar to at any time to any club prepared to pay the £700,000 fee. that which contributed to the ill-feeling between Klinsmann and the Tottenham chairman, Alan Sugar, following the German striker's transfer to Bay-"They wanted us to give away

any right of appeal to Fifa or Uefa in the event of a conflict with Lars over his contract," Clark said. "It would have left us with nowhere to go to seek arbitration and enabled Lars, so far as I could see, to walk out willy-nilly.

"I would be interested to see the season, is thought to be ow many clauses Blackburn worth around £10,000 per week, how many clauses Blackburn have been asked to agree to. For the last seven months I've had to get legal advice, accoun-tants' advice, FA and Premier League advice - and all this while I'm trying to win two foot-

ball matches a week.

In a further complication, Bohinen has since sacked Gross. In his talks with Blackhurn, he has been represented by Frank Mathiesen, the former general manager of FC Copenhagen. now a licensed Fife agent running a firm called Dan Player, hased in the Danish capital. paid Gross an unex-

pected tribute. "He has screwed me to the ground but in a fair, tough, honest way and he has looked after Lars' affairs very well," Clark said.

Bohinen's contract with Blackburn, who have been desperate to find a creative midfield player after their poor start to brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal. Ray Harford mine and I wouldn't brokered the transfer of Torben deal.

compared with an estimated £4,000 per week offered by Forest. He will also receive a

substantial signing on fee.
Capped 38 times by Norway
and likely to face England in Oslo next week, Bohinen is reported to have said yesterday: "I was happy at Forest, but everything is higger here." His decision suddenly to drop Gross sparked speculation that

the deal might carry the fingerprints of Rune Hauge, the agent currently suspended over his role in the George Graham ful of possible consequences, contacted the FA to clarify their position should this be the case, but appear to have satisfied themselves about the par-

ties involved.

Piechnik to Liverpool from FC Copenhagen while Mathieson was general manager. The Piechnik deal is among those the Premier League's so-called "bung-busting" team, set up in the light of the Graham affair, has set out to investigate.

Clark added: "I don't know anything about Hauge. He tried to get involved when we signed Lars originally, but Lars and Andy Gross hombed him

The Forest manager, steering clear of emotive language, said: Someone, I don't know who, has been touting Lars about for SIX months and two English managers told me this summer that his situation had been brought to their knowledge.

"But I must stress that Blackhurn have acted totally honourably in every aspect of this deal. Ray Harford is a friend of mine and I wouldn't expect it to

Ubogu is dropped by Bath

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Phil de Glanville, the Bath captain, exemplified the hardening attitudes of players as rugby union goes professional with some scathing comments after dropping the England prop Victor Ubogu for tomorrow's crucial First Division match at

Wasps.

De Glanville was withering about the tight-bead's form and contribution. "It is down to individuals within the squad to ensure that they are as fit as possible," he said, "and while Victor played fairly well against Orrell last Saturday. this is something that has been building for a while."

To add injury to insult, Ubogu, who has won 20 caps since his debut against Canada in 1992, is being replaced by Dave Hilton, who has never played tight-bead prop for Bath's first XV. But, as a measure of the strength of Bath's squad, Hilton, who has not played for his club since last February, is himself a Scotland international.

De Glauville explained: Everyone in this side has to contribute - for a prop that means scrummaging and line-out work - and the contribution has to be over the full 80 minutes. I know Victor is working hard with our fitness coach Ged Roddy and he is now

doing an extra session each week, but Dave is in because we feel he will contribute more

during the whole game."
A delighted Hilton said yes terday: "I've not seen Victor play this season but I like to think I am a stronger scrummager and the selectors obviously feel it is worth a gamble. It does get frustrating playing in the United [Second XV] side week after week. I've got something to prove. I've got to take the

Ubogu's downtall may owe something to Bath's latest use of technology in the pursuit of perfection. The club has been employing three cameramen for League games one to record the match and two to concentrate on one player each for the duration of the game. It seems certain that Ubogu's perfor-mances have been scrutinised closely and the result is the chop.

Uhogu's other captain, England's Will Carling, will miss Harlequins' match against Saracens at the The Stoop. He is suffering from an ankle injury, which forced him to miss England's training session at Mar-low earlier this week.

The Bristol forwards Garatb Archer and Martin Corry, who left Newcastle-Gosfortb last season, had talks this week with Newcastle's new director of rugby development, Roh Andrew, Bristol's coaching coordinator Brian Hanlon confirmed yesterday.

Davies deal in doubt

Cardiff rugby union cluh may not be able to afford Jonathan Davies. Warrington yesterday told Cardiff, one of three clubs who have tried to tempt Davies back to his roots, that the 33-year-old Welsh rugby league captain can leave, but only with a hefty compensation payment. And any deal will be done after the Halifax Centenary World

Graham Armstrong, the Wartington chief executive who met his Cardiff counterpart. Gareth Davies, yesterday, said: We had a 75-minute meeting at the motorway services and ardill have not nade an Cardiff made no professional proposals and we stated our position clearly.

"Jonathan is under contract with us until June 1997. He is not on the transfer list and is not for sale. We want him to stay but, if be ever did leave, we would

insist on compensation on top of his contract payments." Gareth Davies said: "It was up

to Warrington to discuss it and come back to me which they will probably do next week. But there is no big money in Wales to buy contracts and Cardiff cannot afford to buy Jonathan out."

Davies, who turned professional from Llanelli for Widnes almost six years ago, joined Warrington in July 1993 when the Chemies were mable tu afford his contract payments, reportedly £75,000 a year.

Clive Griffiths, who is Wales' rugby league coach and also Warrington's assistant coach. official approach. However, has criticised Cardiff's actions, which he said had affected Welsh preparations for Monday's cup opener against France. "Jonathan wants to concentrate on the World Cup and everything else has been put in the background until the competition is over," he said.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



7 PC in here disentangled code (8)

English leading most of 22 Force one Member to road race round? It could road, being taken anout (5) provide a good finish! (6) 24 Computer equipment runs during cut (6)

11 Stake involving City - the same story (8) 12 Piece of music, sharp, loud, by Bernstein (last three

parts only), possibly 15 Order a number to return, taking care of unfinished 3 job (6)

16 French delicacy in tin is in a poor condition (6)

18 Was now correct in variation form, absorbing a 5 piece of film music (6.8)

20 Repugnance for leader of thieves intervening in endless calamity (8)

Good running material 25 Abode of hapless police (though showing style fol-lowing clues) (8) DOWN

Arctic footwear is currently quiet on half of floe (4-4) Beer? There's little new in

mine (4) Have a meal in attempt to achieve agreement (6) Graduate teacher takes on English, though an expert in ancient history (4) In translation, I read a

blue French poet (10)

Staying sober in most of brawl shows firmness of character (6)

Instrument with which to damage working contem-porary art venue (9) 13 Disparaging spinning record - Love scoundrel in energetic dance (10)

14 Nobody not ninety is doddery? (9) 17 Deciding student is involved in posing problems (8)

I added to 10 will make 24? (6) Stops design of squares (6)

Choice of ends for service gets you aggrieved (4) Attempt to make hole in 80% of soft material (4)

Bould's England recall

back, was yesterday recalled to the England squad in place of the in-jured Newcastle defender Steve Howey for next week's friendly in Norway. Terry Venables, the England coach, was left with only Tony Adams and Gary Pallister as contre-backs after Howey's withdrawal. Neil Ruddock, the first-choice replacement, was

found to have personal problems. Southampton's Matt Le Tissier may also get a recall in place of Paul Gascoigne, who has a thigh strain. Venables said: "We will have a roll call when everybody meets up. I've always said that the door is never shut for Le Tissier. There is still time for him. I've seen every game he's played this season, but he just happens not to be in the starting group at the moment." As there is no weekend Preinternationals, Eric Cantona is set to continue his comeback in Manchester United's reserves

tomorrow against Leeds reserves. However, Cantona learned yesterday that he has been left out of France's squad for next week's European Championship qualifier in Romania. Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, has called up David Ginola, even though the Newcastle forward is doubtful with a thigh minry. Members of the Northern Ire-

land squad for their European Championship qualifier in Liechtenstein will not be allowed to play for their clubs this weekend. With key strikers lain Dowie and Keith Gillespie suspended, Bryan Hamilton is unwilling to risk any more injuries in the build-up to Wednesday's match, following yesterday's

Donald, with a foot injury.

Several clubs have criticised the decision and Mick Gooding, joint-manager of Reading with Jimmy Quinn, one of the players affected, said: "Jimmy bas always been very loyal to Northern Ireland and we think they've been a bit unfair to us." Paul McStay could be out of

Scotland's trip to Sweden next week with an ankle injury. The Celtic skipper missed his club's midweek match and faces a fitness test before tomorrow's game.

Glenn Helder, the Arsenal winger, has been recalled by the Netherlands for their qualifier in Malta, but his Highbury team mate, Dennis Bergkamp, is miss-ing with a slight ankle injury. Coca-Cola Cup draw

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Australia pick Tongans for opening World Cup match

Rugby League DAVE HADPIELD

Australia have named both the Tongans they have appropriat-

ed in their team for the opening Centenary Wurld Cup match against England at Wembley tomorrow. John Hopoate, the Manly winger, and Jim Dymock, the

Sydney Bulldog's loose forward, are in the starting line-up and are the only uncapped players in Bob Fulton's selection. Despite the lack of players signed to the rival Super League

ter arriving late from Australia following the birth of his son. Tonga, who play New Zealand

organisation, the Australian team is otherwise full of players of proven international prowess, including the bulk of the team that beat New position if he had come with us." Zealand 3-0 in their series ear-South Africa, who play Fiji at lier this year. Keighley on Sunday, have called

Hopoate has been preferred to Brett Dallas and Robbie O'Davis - a substitute at Wembley - while Dymock has beaten his club-mate. Jason Smith, to the one contentious position in the pack. Rod Wishart is installed on the opposite wing from Hopoate and as goal kicker, af-

naturally aggressive players, he helps to keep that under control." at Warrington on Sunday, have had to leave their centre, Afi Leulai, behind. Leulai is due to join Oldham after the World Cup and the Tongan coach, Mike Mc-Cleman, said: "Work permits can't be granted if a player is already in this country and that is why we had to leave him behind. We could have jeopardised his

in a sports psychologist, Nick Morris, to aid their prepara-tions. Morris once worked with Harlequias rugby union club. "He talks to the players individually and gets them to believe in themselves," South Africa's coach, Tony Fisher, said. "A calming influence and that's good because, although they are

A group of Papua New Guinea players have been told by Hull police there will be no charges against them after a complaint from a woman who had been in their company last night. Their co-manager, Bob Rob-

ertson, said there would be an internal enquiry into the incident and the World Cup organisers were being kept informed. What is the future for rugby league? Section Two, page 4

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